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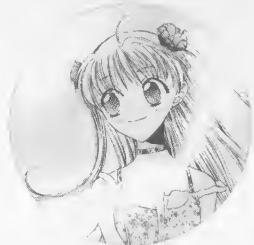
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STORY SO FAR...

Hello, I'm Tohru Honda, and I have come to know a terrible secret. After the death of my mother, I was living by myself in a tent when the Sohma family took me in. I soon learned that the Sohma family lives with a curse! Each family member is possessed by the vengeful spirit of an animal from the Chinese Zodiac. Whenever one of them becomes weak or is hugged by a member of the opposite sex, they change into their Zodiac animal!



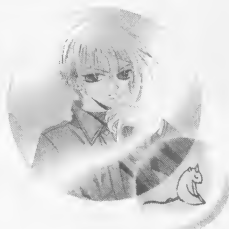


Tohru Honda

The ever-optimistic hero of our story. An orphan, she now lives in Shigure's house, along with Yuki and Kyo, and is the only person outside of the family who knows the Sohma family's curse.

Yuki Sohma, the Rat

Soft-spoken. Self-esteem issues.
At school he's called "Prince Yuki."



Kyo Sohma, the Cat

The Cat who was left out of the Zodiac.
Hates Yuki, leeks and Miso. But mostly Yuki.

Mabudachi Trio

Shigure Sohma, the Dog

Enigmatic, mischievous and a little
perverted. A popular novelist.



Hatori Sohma, the Dragon

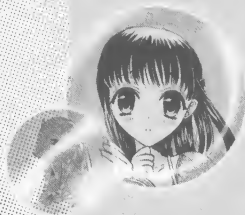
Family doctor to the Sohmas. Only thing he can't
cure is his broken heart.

Ayame Sohma, the Snake

Yuki's older brother. A proud and playful drama
queen...er, king. Runs a costume shop.



Fruits Basket Characters

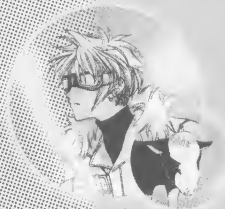


Kagura Sohma, the Boar

Bashful, yet headstrong. Determined to marry Kyo, even if it kills him.

Momiji Sohma, the Rabbit

Half-German. He's older than he looks.
Mother rejected him because of the Sohma curse.



Hatsuharu Sohma, the Ox

The nicest of guys, except when he goes "Black."
Then you'd better watch out.

Akito Sohma

The head of the Sohma clan. A dark figure of many secrets.
Treated with fear and reverence.



Tohru's Best Friends

Saki Hanajima

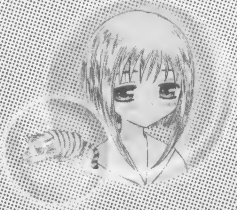
"Hana-chan." Can sense people's "waves."
Goth demeanor scares her classmates.

Arisa Uotani

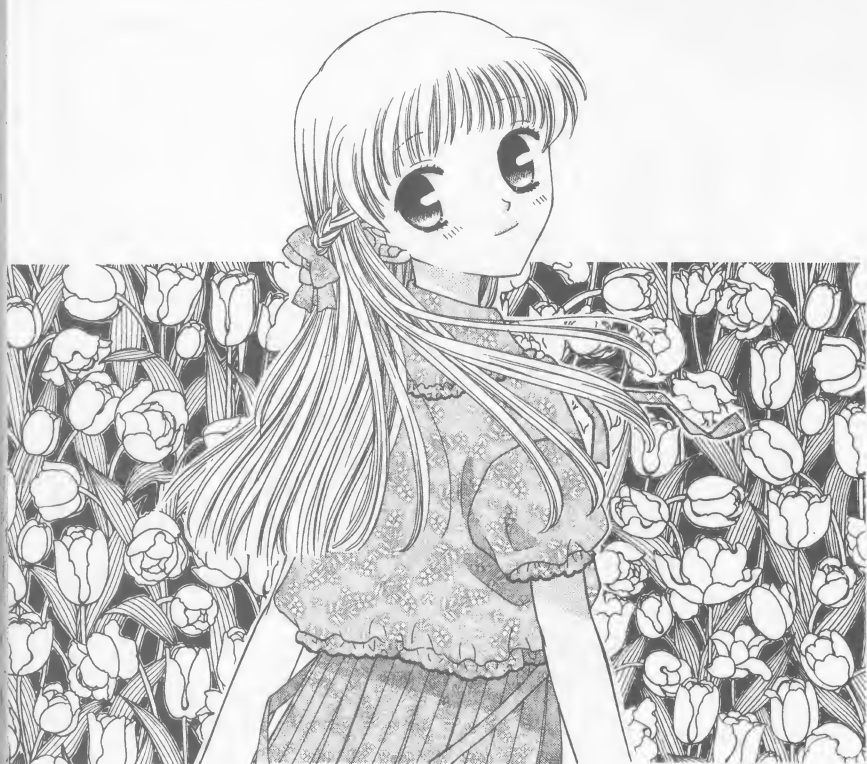
"Uo-chan." A tough-talking "Yankee" who looks out for her friends.

Kisa Sohma, the Tiger

Kisa became shy and self-conscious due to constant teasing by her classmates. Yuki, who has similar insecurities, feels particularly close to Kisa.







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Chapter 31



ULTRA-SPECIAL BLAH BLAH BLAH 1

I've been going through some hard times lately.
And on top of that, I had a fever of over 105°.

It's like Punch, Punch, Kick!

By the way, I tend to get sick on rainy days.



IF IT DOES
STOP, THAT
WOULD
BE VERY
HELPFUL.

BUT WHAT
WOULD BE
EVEN MORE
HELPFUL IS
IF IT TURNED
OUT TO BE A
CLEAR, SUNNY
SUMMER!

THE WEATHER
REPORT SAID
IT WOULD LET
UP A LITTLE
THIS AFTER-
NOON.



DO YOU LIKE
SUMMER,
YUKI-KUN?

MM... I GUESS
YOU COULD
SAY IT'S NOT
MY FAVORITE
SEASON...

HOW
LIKE
HONDA-
SAN...



SUMMER,
HUH...

YOU
REALLY
LIKE
SUMMER,
HONDA-
SAN?

Yes!

I CAN
WORK A
LOT DURING
SUMMER
BREAK.

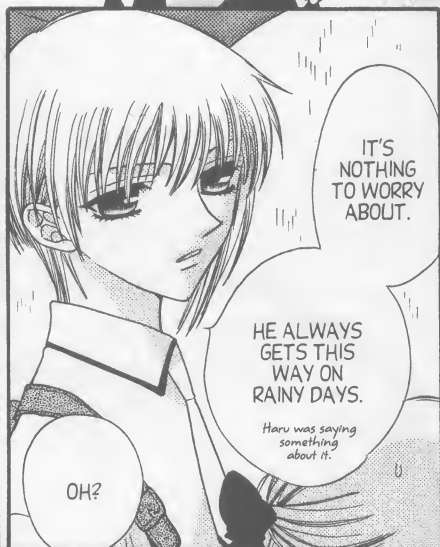
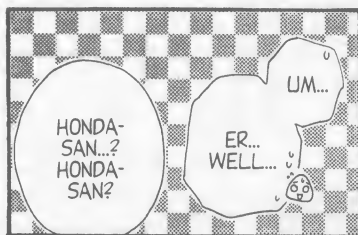


YOU LIKE
SUMMER,
DON'T YOU,
KYO-KUN?!

REALLY...?

AH!

*awkward silence



out of energy



IN THE...
MORNING...

IT'S--

...WAKE
UP...

-BETTER
THAN YOU,
DAMMIT! YOU
CAN'T EVEN...

IF YOU'RE
HAVING A
HARD TIME
HOLDING YOUR
UMBRELLA...

...PLEASE,
SHARE
MINE.



OH NO!
HE'S REALLY
NOT LOOKING
WELL. IS
HE SICK?

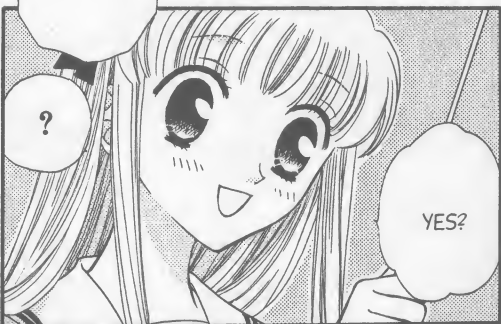
DAMMIT!
THIS SUCKS!

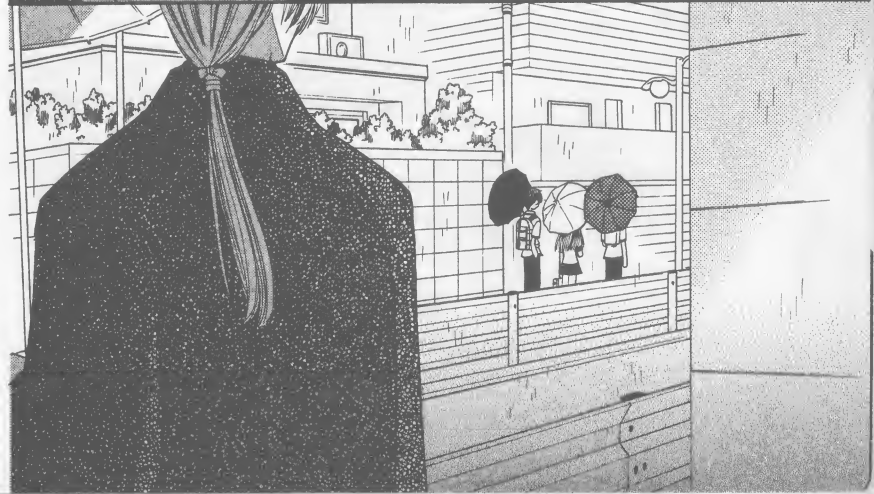
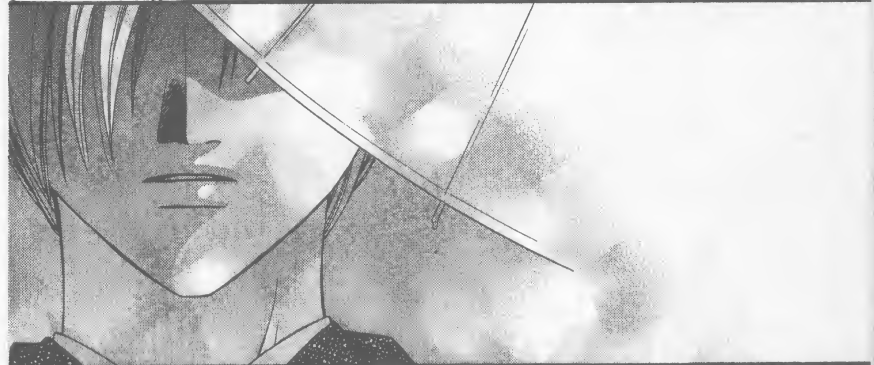


KYO-KUN! IF
YOU'RE NOT
FEELING
WELL, YOU
SHOULDN'T
PUSH
YOURSELF.

AH! OH
YEAH!

*blush





Fruits Basket 6 Part 1:

Hajimemashite and hello! I'm Takaya. Furuba has made it to the sixth volume. That means it's been almost two years since I started drawing it. Wooooow... (Gazing into the distance.) So the Volume 6 cover features Momiji. You know, Momitchi! He looks very young, but inside, he's the most mature of his generation of Sohmas. Right? "He had to be mature to deal with his youthful appearance and parental situation, right?" Well, yeah. It's kinda sad that way. But I also made him that way because it's cute! Recently, my hand hasn't been doing very well, so my handwriting is harder to read than usual, so gomen nasai. (I'm sorry!) Please enjoy Volume 6.





WELCOME HOME...

tee
hee
hee!
♡

...MY
KYO-KUN!



THE DOOR
CLOSED?!

KYO-KUN,
DEAR, WHAT'S
WRONG?!

KYO-
KUN?!

YEAH, IT'S
CLOSED!
AND IT
WON'T
EVER OPEN
AGAIN!!



KY-KY...

IT'LL TAKE
MORE THAN
A DOOR TO
STOP HER...

KYO-KUN?!

"She
hit her
head"

Just now,
I heard
a 'slam'
sound...



YOU'RE
SO CRUEL...

YOU'RE
SO CRUEL,
EVEN
THOUGH...

KAGURA-
SA...

5 seconds
to impact!

KYO-
KUN...

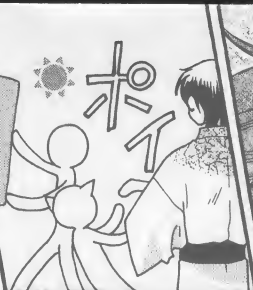
I DON'T
WANT TO
SEE YOU!!

CAN'T
I COME TO
SEE YOU
WHEN
I WANT
TO?

WHY
NOT.....?

EVEN
THOUGH I
LOVE YOU
SOOOO
MUCH!!

WOULD YOU
HURRY UP
AND FIGURE
OUT THAT
THAT'S WHY
I DON'T WANT
TO SEE YOU?!



...OH.



ドン



SHII-CHAN, YOU SAY THE NICEST THINGS!

KAGURA

HEY! WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT DO YOU MEAN "LEND"?!



I'LL LEND HIM TO YOU, KAGURA.

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE HIM ON A DATE OR SOMETHING?

I'M NOT GOING!!

GROCERIES?
YUP, YUP,
WE'LL GO!

UH...
UM...

THEN...

NN?
REALLY?

THEN, TOHRU-
KUN, WHY NOT
ASK THEM TO
BUY GROCERIES
FOR DINNER?

I'M NOT GOING!
FIRST OF ALL,
I HAVE NO REASON
TO GO OUTSIDE!!

EH?

All
right
!!

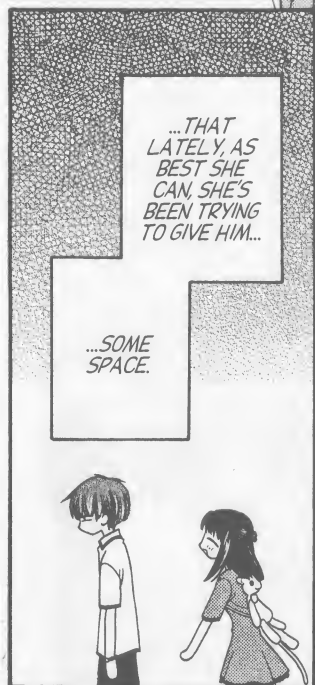
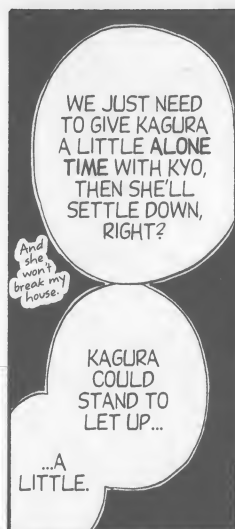
I SAID,
I'M--

...I HOPE
I'M NOT
IMPOSING,
BUT COULD
YOU DO IT?

...THEN...

IT'S A
DATE!!

HAVE
A FUN
BATTLE.
♥



AND SHE
WOULDN'T
BREAK THE
HOUSE.

BUT IF KEEPING
ALL HER FEELINGS
PENT UP IS GOING
TO CAUSE HER TO
EXPLODE, MAYBE IT
WOULD BE BETTER
FOR HER TO COME
EVERY DAY.

I love
my tea!

INDEED.

I'M GOING TO
TAKE SOME
MONEY FROM
KYO'S BANK
ACCOUNT AS
A FINE.

Kagura, too.

I SEE. YOU
NOTICED
THAT, SO
THAT'S WHY
YOU GAVE
HER...

...THE
SHOPPING
LIST.

IT'S
ALMOST
AS IF SHE
KNOWS
SOMETHING...

EH...
UH...!

THE MAIN
HOUSE PUTS
MONEY INTO
THEM EACH
MONTH.

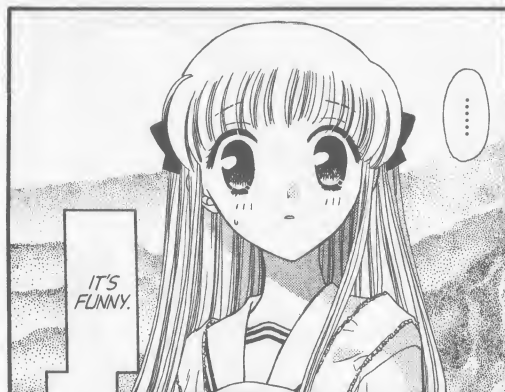
OH,
REALLY?

I
SEE...

YUKI-KUN
HAS ONE,
TOO.

HUH?
OH, YES.

KYO-KUN
HAS A BANK
ACCOUNT?



IT'S
FUNNY.

AFTER
ALL
THIS
TIME...

...THERE'S
STILL SO
MUCH I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
THEM.



NO, I
COULDN'T
POSSIBLY--!

EH
?!

UH...
UM...



UM...

I SHOULD
...UH...
START THE
LAUNDRY!

DON'T
BOTHER.
I THINK IT
WILL START
RAINING
AGAIN SOON.

MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
YOU DON'T OFTEN GET
THE OPPORTUNITY,
TOHRU-KUN, SO WHY
DON'T YOU GO ON
A DATE WITH
YUKI-KUN?



C'MON.

THAT IS, IF
YOU DON'T
MIND THE
USUAL
PLACE.

BUT...

...IF THE
DAY COMES
WHEN I'M
ALLOWED
TO KNOW
THEIR
SECRETS...

LET'S GO
ON A DATE.

OKAY

...I WANT TO
BE THE KIND
OF PERSON
WHO CAN
ACCEPT THEM
FOR WHO
THEY ARE.

寄って

Yotteke Market

SHE'S
MAKING
NABE*
RIGHT?

THAT'S
GREAT,
BECAUSE
IT'S STILL
A LITTLE
COLD OUT.

tee hee

LOOK,
KYO-KUN!
CODFISH IS
ON THE LIST,
TOO! YOUR
FAVORITE!

♪

!

ARE
YOU...

...GOING
TO KEEP
HIDING IT
FOREVER?

HEY,
KYO-
KUN?

TOHRU-
KUN...

...STILL
DOESN'T
KNOW, DOES
SHE?

*nabe: hot pot; stew



SHUT
UP!!

THAT'S
NONE OF
YOUR DAMN
BUSINESS!!

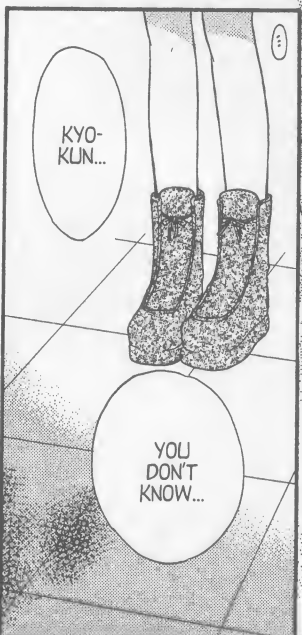
MUTTER CHATTER MUTTER



YELLING AT
A GIRL IN
PUBLIC IS
THE WORST
THING YOU
CAN DO!!



!-!



KYO-KUN...

YOU
DON'T
KNOW...

NORMALLY,
PEOPLE
WOULD
AVOID ME.

KEEP THEIR
DISTANCE...

whisper

HERE.
LET'S
GO OVER
THERE.

whisper
whisper
OHH,
OHH, KYO-KUN!
THIS IS SO
EMBARRASSING!

.....

WHY...

WHY
DO YOU...
CARE SO
MUCH
ABOUT ME
ANYWAY?



IT'S
WEIRD.

NORMALLY
...

THAT
TIME...

YOU DON'T
KNOW...

THAT'S
WHY I...

?

HUH?

NOW IT'S
TIME FOR
CHECKOUT.

?

HEY...
WHAT
IS IT?

C'MON.
LET'S GO,
KYO-KUN.

?

HEY!

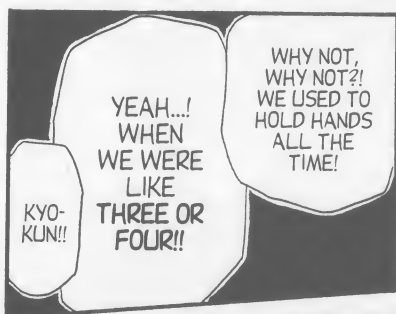
?

?

YOU
WOULD
CRY IF
I TOLD YOU,
KYO-KUN.

.....
THAT'S
WHY
YOU'D
WHAT?

So it's a
secret!





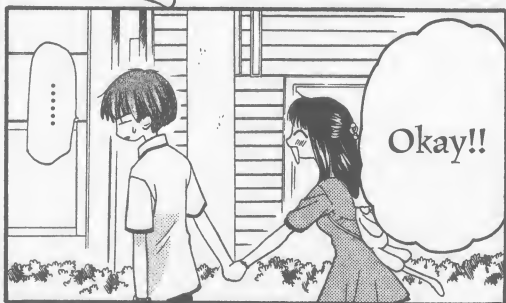
NORMALLY...

...PEOPLE
WOULD
AVOID ME,
KEEP THEIR
DISTANCE.

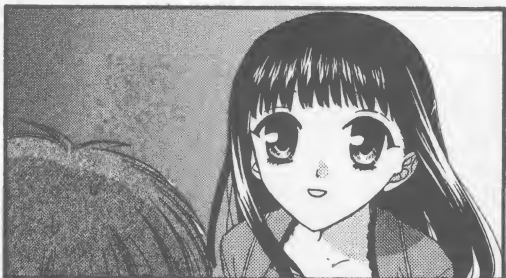
HAVEN'T YOU
REALIZED?



BUT ONLY
HALFWAY,
OKAY?!



Okay!!





IT'S
YOU...

...WHO
DOES
THAT,
KYO-KUN.

Okay,
Kagura-
neechan!

Kyo-
chan,
let's go
play!

Okay!





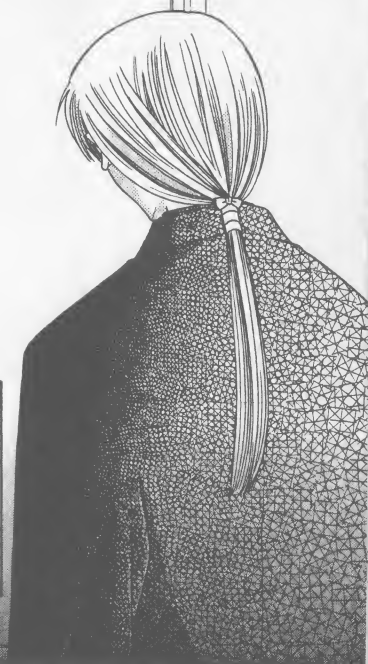
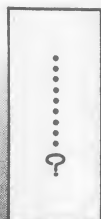


HE'S
BACK...

HUH?

DO YOU
KNOW
HIM?

CUT IT
OUT!!



KYO...



I HELD
YOUR HAND
THIS LONG.
ISN'T THAT
ENOUGH?!

YOU KNOW
I HATE
PEOPLE
CLINGING
TO ME!!

I KNOW, BUT
THAT'S NO
FUN!



*shishou: a martial arts master



YOU'RE
LOOKING
WELL...

...KYO.

People say to use everything...



Like pictures that you can only see online and stuff. Like Momiji, I put a lot of my own preferences into Kisa. It's really fun to draw her. I'm a real girly-girl at heart, so I would have liked to try wearing flowy dresses or maid outfits at least once, but it looks like that dream will go unfulfilled (laugh). Too bad.

Chapter 32

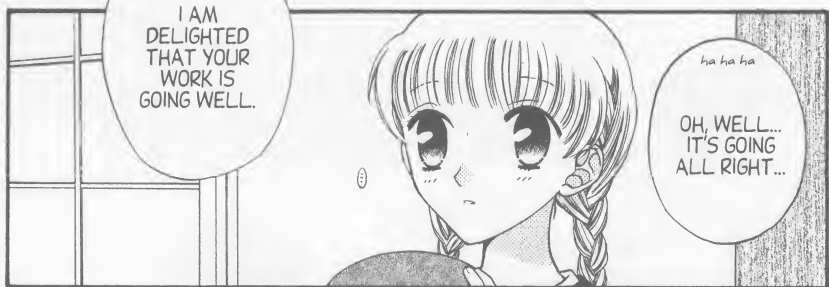
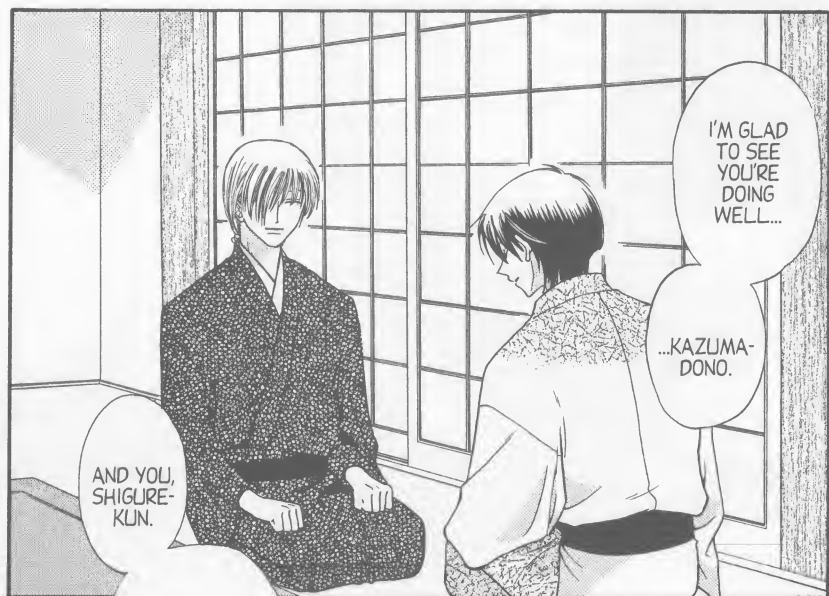




People say to use...



It's a rough sketch, so Mine's maid outfit is too plain. I'm sorry. Next time I'll draw it more seriously. (Huh?) The outfit Aaya is wearing was mostly designed by Aaya and made by Mine.



ULTRA-SPECIAL BLAH BLAH BLAH 2

There are those who think, "I don't need them to love everything about me..." And there are others who think that, "I want them to love everything." Both are valid points of view. I really can't say one way is better than the other. Both exist. Kyo is the former.



...IS THE
ONE KYO-
KUN TOLD
ME ABOUT.

THIS
MAN...

HIS
SHISHOU...
SAN

*shihan: another word for master or instructor.

SHIHAN*!

IT HAS
BEEN A
LONG TIME,
HASN'T IT,
KAGURA?

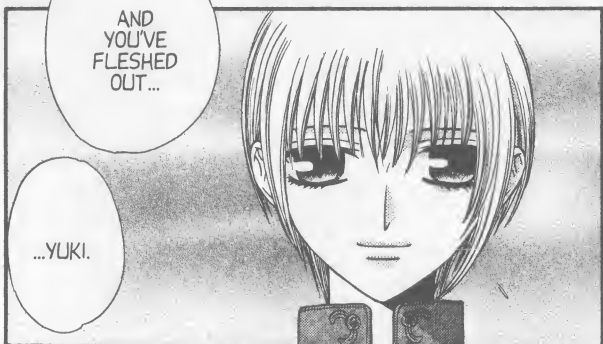
YES...

IT'S NICE
TO SEE
YOU AGAIN!
IT'S BEEN
A LONG
TIME.

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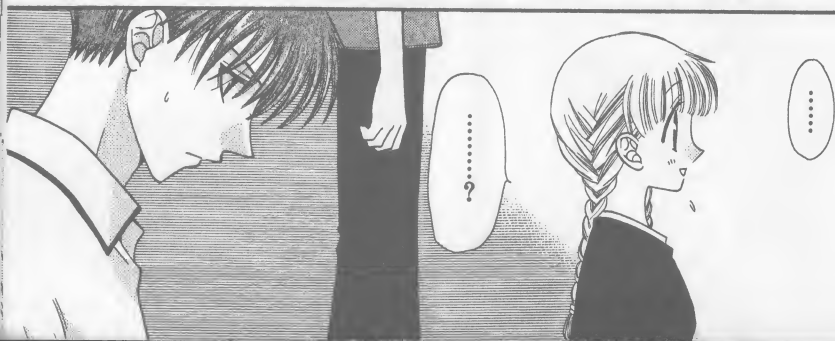
A lot of people have told me, "It's okay to talk about games!" I'm glad. And so, without delay... (laugh) I finally finished *PERSONA 2: INNOCENT SIN*. (I had stopped in the middle.) I stopped right before the last boss, like with the first game. I wonder if it's inevitable...? For me, it is. I really liked Ginko. She was so cute when she said, "Ariya~" and stuff. Sadly, my Playstation is on its last legs, so during the ending song, it started skipping (laugh). Talk about Ariya~. Letting the credits go without sound... I'm playing *ETERNAL PUNISHMENT* on my PS2. (laugh)

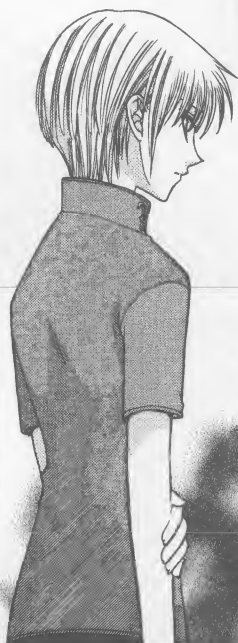
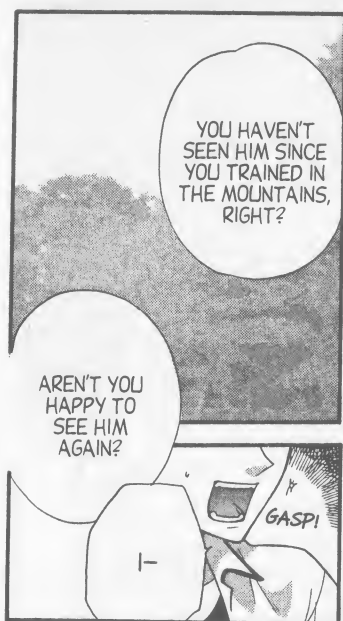
(*INNOCENT SIN* and *ETERNAL PUNISHMENT* are both sequels to the sleeper hit RPG *PERSONA*. Only *ETERNAL PUNISHMENT* was released in the U.S. -ed.)



*ohisashiburi: The reason everyone is saying "It's been a long time," is because in Japan, there is a ritual phrase, "ohisashiburi," which is used when greeting someone you haven't seen in a while. It's similar to the way Japanese folk always say "Okaeri" (welcome home) when someone comes home, or "itadakimasu" (thanks for the food) before eating.











...IN FRONT OF
YUN-CHAN.



whisper
whisper

whisper

ESPECIALLY
...

...BUT HE
DOESN'T
WANT TO
SHOW IT.

KYO-KUN IS
ACTUALLY
REALLY
HAPPY...



SHISHOU.

...OH, I SEE
YOU'VE
BEEN DOING
A LOT OF
READING.

They're Shigure's books.



clack

KYO?

I'M
COMING
IN.



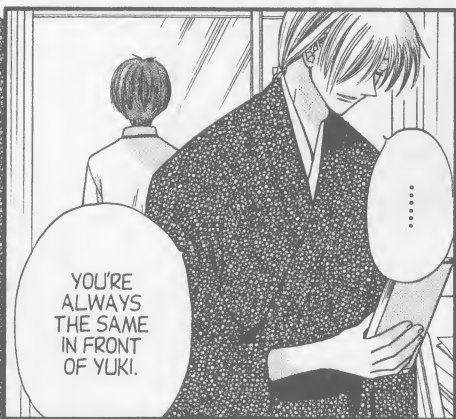
IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.

I UNDERSTAND.



I'M
SORRY...

...FOR MY
DISRESPECT.



YOU'RE
ALWAYS
THE SAME
IN FRONT
OF YUKI.





WELCOME
BACK!

WELCOME
BACK,
SHISHOU!!

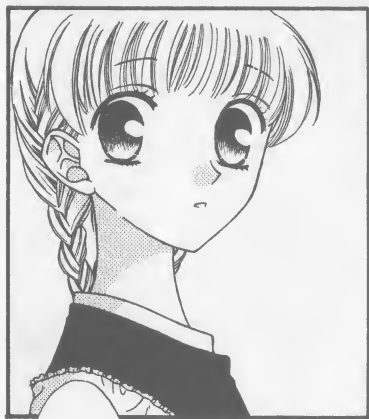




I'M GLAD
TO SEE
YOU, TOO.

SO...

...IS SHISHOU-
SAN NOT
ONE OF THE
ZODIAC?



THAT'S
WHY...



...SHIHAN
MIGHT BE THE
ONE WHO CAN
BEST RELATE
TO KYO-KUN.



NO.

BUT HE IS
ONE OF THE
PEOPLE ON
THE "INSIDE."

?

THEY SAY
THAT THE ONE
WHO WAS THE
CAT BEFORE
KYO-KUN WAS
SHIHAN'S
GRANDFATHER.



...AS IF
HE WERE
HIS REAL
FATHER.

BUT IT'S
LIKE SHIHAN
CARES FOR
KYO-KUN
EVEN MORE
THAN THAT.

HE WATCHED
OVER KYO-KUN
SO THAT HE
WOULDN'T
GET HURT...





"WHEN I
COME BACK,
COME STAY
WITH ME
AGAIN."

"NOW WE
MUST PART
WAYS UNTIL
THAT DAY."

I'M
SORRY...

YOU
ARE TO
CONTINUE
TO LIVE
HERE.



WHETHER
YOUR COMING
TO LIVE WITH
THAT GIRL...

...IS A
COINCIDENCE
OR AN
INEVITABILITY
...

...IT HAS A
HEALING
EFFECT ON
YOU.

SHISHOU.



YOU'RE NOT
SCARED OF
AKITO, TOO,
ARE YOU?

WHAT...?
YOU'RE
BREAKING
YOUR
PROMISE?

NO.

I HAVE
COME TO THE
CONCLUSION
THAT THIS
IS THE BEST
ENVIRONMENT
FOR YOU.

I...

...NEVER
ASKED
TO BE
HEALED.

I HATE
IT HERE.

DROWNING IN
LUKEWARM
WATER OR
SOMETHING.
SOMETIMES...

I FEEL
LIKE I'M
DROWNING!

SOMETIMES,
IT GETS SO
BAD...

I HATE
IT HERE.

...I CAN'T
STAND IT.

KYO...

SHIHAN IS
GOING TO
STAY HERE
TONIGHT,
RIGHT?

IT'S
NOT
THAT
YOU
"HATE"
IT.

THAT'S
NOT...

I'M
STAYING,
TOO!



SHII-CHAN
SAID IT'S
OKAY!



...
REALLY
TRUE,
IS IT?



Around there somewhere





...A MATCH
BETWEEN
YOU AND
SHISHOU-
SAN!

SOMEDAY I
WOULD REALLY
LIKE TO SEE...

...I
DON'T.

THE TWO OF
YOU MUST
HAVE A LOT
TO TALK
ABOUT, KYO-
KUN.



AH!

OH YEAH.
UM... IF I
COULD...

Honda-
san,
what
should I
do with
this?

Ah!
Yes,
that's
...





THINGS
MIGHT
GET
NOISY.

I APOLOGIZE
IN ADVANCE.

TONIGHT
...

...I'M GOING
TO TAKE
IT OFF.




...I THOUGHT
THAT, FOR
HER, HE
MIGHT OPEN
HIS HEART.

AND
THAT SHE,
IN TURN,
MIGHT
ACCEPT IT.

...IS TO
DO THIS
NOW.

AND THE
ONLY WAY
TO SEE IF
THIS IS THE
CASE...



WHAT
MADE
YOU COME
TO THAT
DECISION SO
SUDDENLY?

ISN'T
THAT A
LITTLE
RASH?



TODAY,
WHEN I
SAW...

...THAT
GIRL'S
FACE...

TODAY...



WITH SO MUCH AT STAKE...

...ARE YOU STILL WILLING TO TAKE THE ONE IN TEN-THOUSAND CHANCE?

HE MIGHT COME TO HATE EVEN YOU.

HE MAY NEVER...

...SMILE AGAIN.

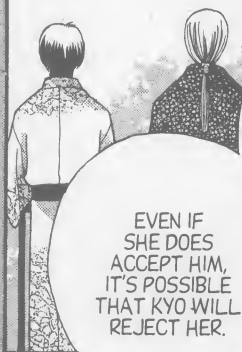
"AW, MAN"



SO EVEN YOU, KAZUMA-DONO, ARE GOING TO ENTRUST EVERYTHING...

...TO HER?

BUT...



...YOU HAVE NO GUARANTEE THAT THIS WILL SUCCEED.

EVEN IF SHE DOES ACCEPT HIM, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT KYO WILL REJECT HER.

THIS TIME, THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT KYO WILL BREAK.

"HA
HA!"

"NNNN... IT
LOOKS LIKE
I STILL
NEED A LOT
OF TRAINING,
TOO."

"LOOK AT
IT! HOW
THE HECK
COULD YOU
SCREW UP
SOMETHING
SO SIMPLE,
SHISHOU?"

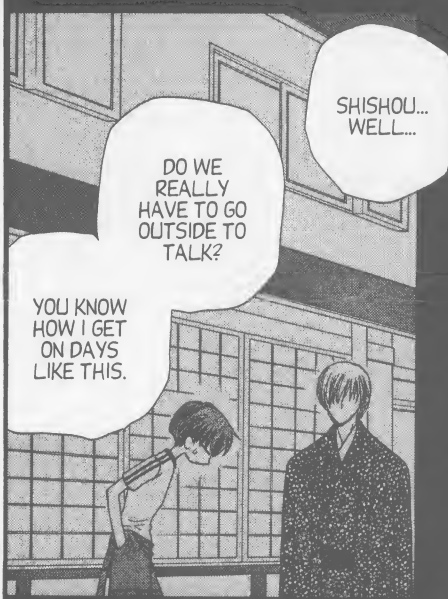
YOU
REALLY
ARE NO
GOOD AT
THIS."

EXCUSE ME,
BUT TONIGHT
MAY I BORROW
SOME OF YOUR
TIME?

EVEN
SO...

...ON
HER.

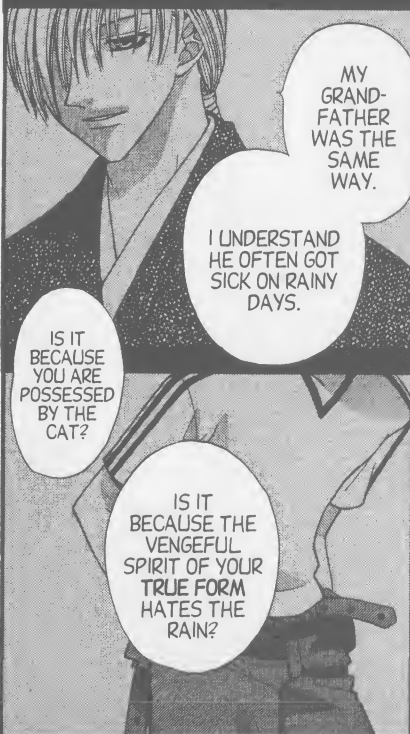
EVEN SO, I
WANT TO
TAKE THE
CHANCE...



DO WE
REALLY
HAVE TO GO
OUTSIDE TO
TALK?

YOU KNOW
HOW I GET
ON DAYS
LIKE THIS.

SHISHOU...
WELL...



MY
GRAND-
FATHER
WAS THE
SAME
WAY.

I UNDERSTAND
HE OFTEN GOT
SICK ON RAINY
DAYS.

IS IT
BECAUSE
YOU ARE
POSSESSED
BY THE
CAT?

IS IT
BECAUSE THE
VENGEFUL
SPIRIT OF YOUR
TRUE FORM
HATES THE
RAIN?




BECAUSE
THIS GIRL
MAY BE
THE ONE.

PLEASE

...

PLEASE...
FOR KYO.



I ACCEPT THAT
MY LIFE IS
WORTHLESS
BECAUSE I WAS
BORN THE CAT!

AND
IT'S THE
RAT'S--

--IT'S HIS
FAULT...

...BECAUSE HE
STARTED ALL
OF THIS!!

I DO
ACCEPT
IT!

IF YOU DO
NOT FULLY
ACCEPT YOUR
TRUE FORM
SOON...

...YOU WILL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
PROGRESS.

.....
!

ARE YOU
GOING TO
CONTINUE TO
LIVE THAT
WAY...

...EVEN
NOW?

"IF I DIE TOO,
YOU'LL BE
SATISFIED,
RIGHT?!"

YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED...

"IT'S HIS
FAULT!
IT'S ALL
HIS FAULT!"


STOPPING
YOUR EARS,
CLOSING YOUR
EYES...

SHUTTING
YOURSELF
OFF FROM
THE WORLD
WITH YOUR
HATRED OF
YUKI.

IS THAT THE
ONLY WAY
YOU WANT
TO LIVE?

"THEN
YOU'LL BE
SATISFIED,
RIGHT?"

"I'LL KILL
HIM AND
THEN
I'LL KILL
MYSELF!"



...IS THAT
THE WAY
YOU WANT
TO DIE?

AND...

COMPLETELY
ALONE.

*LIKE MY
GRANDFATHER.*




BUT
THAT'S
NOT IT...
IT'S NOT
THAT YOU
HATE IT.

YOU SAID
YOURSELF...

IT'S THAT
YOU'RE
AFRAID. YOU
WANT TO
RUN AWAY.

...THAT YOU
HATE IT
HERE.



...THE TRUTH
IS, YOU DO NOT
WANT HER TO
KNOW YOUR
TRUE FORM.


YOU ARE
AFRAID
OF LOSING
HER IF SHE
FINDS OUT.

THE WARM
FEELING YOU
COMPARED TO
"DROWNING IN
LUKEWARM
WATER"...

...YOU KNOW
THAT IT WILL
HEAL YOU.

BUT...

YOU ARE JUST
TRYING TO RUN
AWAY FROM THAT
UNCERTAINTY.




WILL YOU
LOSE HER,
OR WILL
YOU NOT?

I WILL
HELP YOU
FIND THE
ANSWER.

YOU'RE
WRON--

YOU
LEAVE ME
NO OTHER
CHOICE.

I WILL TAKE
AWAY YOUR
MEANS OF
ESCAPE.



...WHETHER
OR NOT YOUR
BIRTHRIGHT
REALLY
MAKES YOU
"WORTHLESS."

...DISCOVER
FOR YOUR-
SELF...

KYO...





IT'S ALL
RIGHT...

I LOVE
YOU,
LITTLE
ONE.

DON'T LOOK...

*"I
WON'T
LET
ANYONE
SEE
YOU."*

*"NO ONE
LOOK..."*

*DON'T
LOOK...*

*...AT
MY
CHILD.*



DON'T
LOOK
AT
ME!!

"IT'S
DISGLUSTING."

Chapter 33

"AND WHAT'S
THAT
SMELL?"

"HIS BODY'S
ALL WARPED
AND UGLY."

"HE SMELLS
TERRIBLE."

"IS THIS..."

"...THE CAT
SPIRITS..."

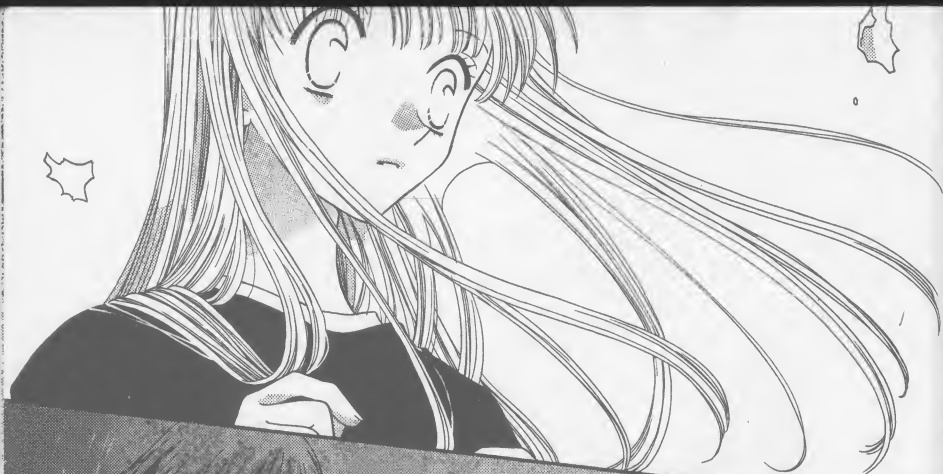
"IT
SMELLS
LIKE
SOME-
THING'S
ROTTING."



"THIS IS KYO'S
TRUE FORM?"

"...TRUE
FORM?"





KYO...

...KUN



"IT'S
DISGUSTING."

!!



*SHE
SAW
ME...*

*SHE
SAW
ME...*

*SHE
SAW
ME...*

*IT'S
OVER!*

*IT'S OVER.
EVERYTHING*
...

*IT'S
ALL...*

...HOPELESS.



...OTHER
FORM.



THAT...

...IS WHAT
HE HAS BEEN
HIDING. THE
CAT'S...


...



WERE
YOU...

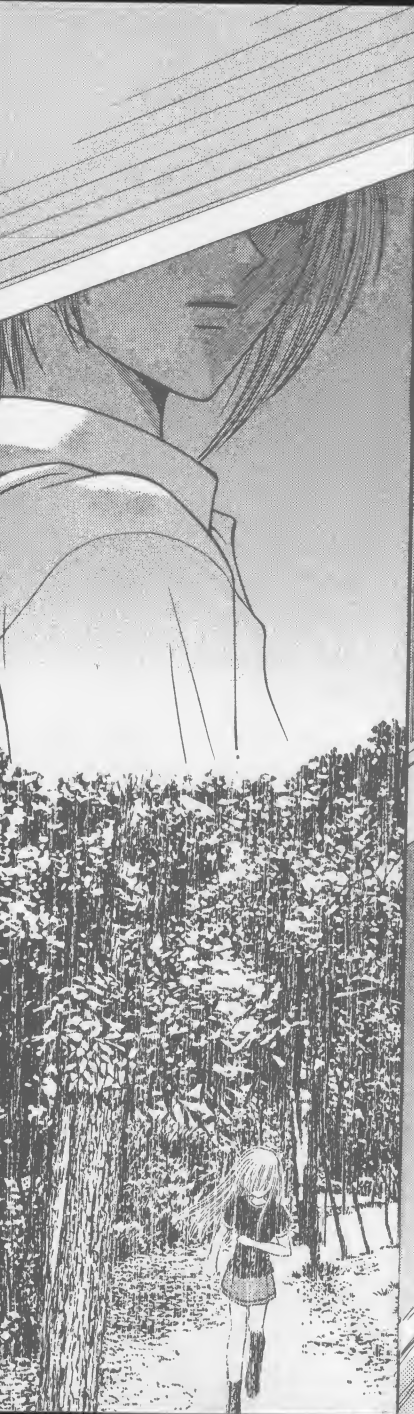
...DISGUSTED?

ONLY THOSE
POSSESSED BY
THE CAT CHANGE
INTO THAT
GROTESQUE
FORM.



DID YOU
THINK HE WAS
FRIGHTENING?





WILL
YOU...

...HEAL
HIM?

IT'S LIKE
THE
STENCH OF
ROTTING
FLESH IS
EVERY-
WHERE...

WHAT AN
INCREDIBLY
HORRIBLE
SMELL!

BLEH!

gag

GUAGH!

UH.....

た=!!
w,,

EVEN
VOMITING
DOESN'T
MAKE IT
BETTER...

KYO-KLIN'S
OTHER
FORM.

I'VE
NEVER
SMELLED
ANYTHING
LIKE IT.

I'VE
NEVER
SEEN
ANYTHING
LIKE IT.

THAT
WAS KYO-
KLIN...



BUT...

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

I CAN'T
BREATHE!

BUT...

WHAT
IN THE
WORLD
SHOULD
I DO?

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

IT'S TO
MUCH FOR
ME TO
HANDLE...

Kuh!

GAGH...!

cough

cough

cough





"WHAT'S
WRONG?"

DID
SOME-
THING
HAPPEN
AGAIN?"

"KYO..."

"MOMMY
LOVES
YOU."

"DID
AKITO SAY
SOME-
THING?"

"IT'S
ALL
RIGHT."

STOP
IT!!

STOP...



huff

huff

KYO...

...KUN...

IT'S TOO MUCH...

TOO MUCH!

KYO-KUN...

STAY AWAY!!

Fruits Basket 6
Part 3:

I'm still in the middle of *SUMMON NIGHT*. But *HARUKANARU TOKI NO NAKA DE* was amazing. This might be the fastest I've ever completed a game. I think the captures I made might have even been helpful to someone. (Don't flatter yourself. They weren't.) And again, my Playstation's in bad shape, so there were sound issues. Such a tragedy... Still, I played as if entranced. I love Tomomasa-san and Inori-kun. (Those two don't match, Takaya.) I can't wait to play *ANGELIQUE TROIS*. There should be a lot more of them! I love Love-sim games! They fill my heart with joy. Even when a game isn't a love-sim, I like it when designers throw in a little romance. Yay!



KYO-
KUN...
BUT...

KYO-
KU...

PLEASE,
STOP.

huff

huff

huff

BUT I...

"BECAUSE I
AM YOUR..."

DON'T
TOUCH
ME!!!

I'M
DISGUSTING,
AREN'T I?!

I'M
SICKENING,
AREN'T I?!

WHY DON'T
YOU LEAVE
ME ALONE?!

I DON'T
WANT
YOUR
PITY!!

I'M
BEGGING
YOU...



I'M GOING TO
MAKE YOU
MISERABLE!

STOP

GET
LOST!

フ
#



GET
LOST!!



I CAN'T
STAND TO
LOOK AT
YOU!!



YOU DRIVE
ME CRAZY!



...I'LL MAKE IT
SO BAD, I'LL
HURT HER SO
MUCH...

IF I'M GOING
TO LOSE HER
ANYWAY...

...THAT IT
COULDN'T
POSSIBLY
HURT ANY
MORE!



NEXT TIME
I'LL CUT YOUR
FACE TO
PIECES!!



THAT
SHE'LL
NEVER
WANT TO
LOOK BACK!

I'LL MAKE
IT SO BAD...

...THAT
SHE'LL
NEVER
FEEL
SORRY FOR
ME AGAIN.

"AKITO'S
WRONG. YOU
ARE HUMAN,
LIKE EVERY-
ONE ELSE."

HAVING
THIS FATE
FORCED
ON ME.

BEING
MISERABLE...

"YOU'RE JUST
UNDER AN EVIL
SPELL FOR A
LITTLE WHILE
THAT MAKES
YOU TURN INTO
THAT."

LOSING
HER, BEING
PITIED...

I HATE
THIS!



THAT'S
NOT TRUE.

"YOU'RE MY
SON AND I'M
SO PROUD
OF YOU."



IF IT WAS
WHY DIDN'T
YOU EVER
LET ME GO
OUTSIDE?



"YOU'RE SO
CUTE, I WON'T
LET ANYONE
ELSE SEE
YOU."

YOU WERE
ASHAMED,
WEREN'T
YOU?

NO, I
LOVE
YOU.

YOU
REALLY
WERE
SCARED
WEREN'T
YOU?

THAT'S
WHY
EVERY
DAY,
DOZENS
OF TIMES

...YOU
CHECKED
TO MAKE
SURE MY
BEADS
HADN'T
COME OFF,
RIGHT?



YOU
CHANGED
RIGHT
BACK."

"IT'S
ALL
RIGHT."

"I'M NOT
SCARED
A BIT."

THAT'S
A LIE.



DON'T FORCE
THAT LOVE
ON ME!

I DON'T
NEED IT...
I DON'T
NEED IT!

I DON'T CARE
IF YOU FIND
ME SCARY...

YOUR MOTHER
LOVED YOU
MORE THAN
ANYONE!!

"IF IT WOULD
HELP YOU, YOUR
MOTHER..."

...WOULD DIE
FOR YOU!"

WHY DO YOU
ALWAYS SAY
THINGS LIKE
THAT?

YOU
WON'T EVEN
ACKNOWLEDGE
THE REAL
ME...

STOP
IT!!

I...I JUST...

...MORE
THAN
ANYTHING
ELSE...

...SO WHY ARE
YOU ALWAYS
ACTING LIKE
YOU LOVE ME
SO MUCH?



...I WANTED
US TO BE
TOGETHER.

YOU
HAVE
TO GO
BACK.

?!

BACK
HOME.

...LET'S
GO BACK.

YOU...



DON'T
YOU GET
IT?!

I COULDN'T
BEAR IT IF
YOU DON'T!

LET
GO...

STOP
IT!


NO! I
DON'T
GET IT!

I'M...
SCARED...

*"DID YOU
THINK HE WAS
FRIGHTENING?"*

I'M WORRIED
THAT KYO-KUN
WON'T COME
HOME...

...EVER AGAIN.



YOU JUST
HAVE TO...

IT'S
SCARY...

I'VE
NEVER
SEEN
ANYTHING
LIKE IT.

RIGHT
NOW... KYO-
KUN...

...LISTENING TO
YOUR VOICE,
IT'S LIKE IT'S
NOT YOU.

...KYO-KUN
TO SUFFER
ALONE.

WHEN
THINGS
GET
TOUGH...

...WHEN
YOU'RE
SCARED,
WHEN
YOU'RE
WEAK...

...I WANT
YOU TO
TELL ME.

I WANT YOU
TO LET ME
CARE ABOUT
YOU.

I WANT
TO BE
TOGETHER.

FROM
NOW
ON...

...JUST
LIKE YOU
LISTENED
TO MY
COMPLAINTS,
KYO-KUN...

...I WANT
YOU TO
LET ME
LISTEN TO
YOURS.

I JUST
DON'T
WANT...

BUT...

BUT...

BUT FROM
NOW ON...

...I WANT TO
UNDERSTAND
EVERYTHING...





...LIKE
WE DID
BEFORE...

TOGETHER.

...SHARE
OUR
TROUBLES
...

...EAT
MEALS,
STUDY...

"TOGETHER."

I WANT US
TO LIVE...

I WANT
TO STAY
TOGETHER!!

BUT DIDN'T...

I'M BEING...

...KYO-KUN
TELL ME--

...SO SELFISH.



YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO...LOVE
EVERYTHING.

YOU...

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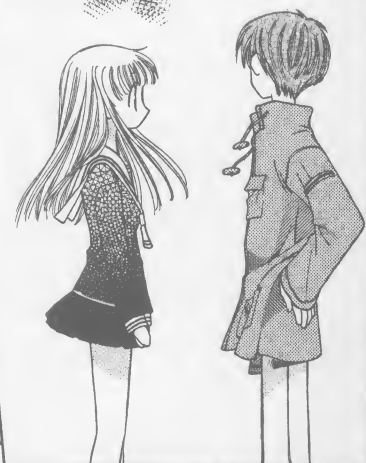


*"IT'S
OKAY TO BE
SELFISH
ONCE IN A
WHILE."*

*DIDN'T
YOU SAY
THAT TO
ME?*



IT'S OKAY...



...IF YOU
WERE
SCARED.

IT'S
OKAY...

BLIT, MOM...

BECAUSE
BEING
SCARED...

YOU WOULDN'T
EVEN THINK
ABOUT ME.

YOU ALWAYS
TOLD ME
THAT YOU
LOVED ME,
BUT YOU
WOULDN'T
EVEN LOOK
AT ME.

...IS PROOF
THAT YOU'RE
ACTUALLY
LOOKING AT
MY UGLINESS.

...ALL
ALONG.

TO HAVE
SOMEONE TO
SHARE MY
WORRIES
WITH.

DID YOU
REALLY
THINK IT WAS
ENOUGH TO
JUST TALK
LIKE YOU
LOVED ME?

THIS IS
WHAT I
WANTED...

LET'S GO
ON LIVING...

BUT EVEN
SO...

IT'S OKAY IF
YOU DON'T
LOVE MY
HIDEOUS
SELF.

IT'S OKAY
IF YOU'RE
SCARED.

...TOGETHER.



A close-up, black and white manga-style illustration of a character's face. The character has long, light-colored hair and is looking down with a somber expression. The background is dark and textured.

I ALWAYS
ASSUMED...

IT SOUNDS
SO STUPID

...THAT NO
ONE WOULD
EVER...

...UNDERSTAND ME.





I NEVER
THOUGHT...

...TOHRU.

TOHRU...!

...I'D HEAR
THOSE WORDS.



KYO-KUN...?

WHY...



...WOULD
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU...

...STAY
NEAR ME...



...AND
CRY FOR
ME?

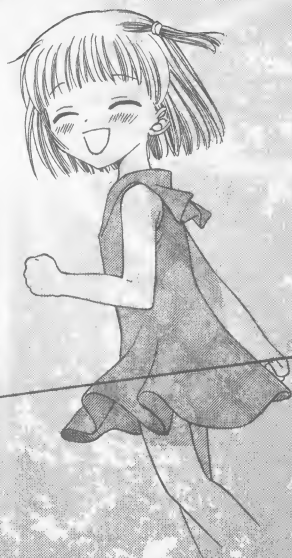
JUST
LIKE
THAT...

...THE UGLY
EMOTIONS
INSIDE ME...

...THE MUD-
COVERED
ANXIETY...



ONE BY ONE
YOU MELT
THEM AWAY.



HOW CAN
I ASK FOR
THAT?

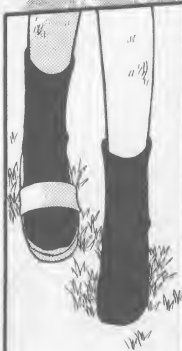
I DON'T...

... DESERVE
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

YOU ENDED UP
NEAR ME BY
MISTAKE.



... I WANT
TO CARE
FOR YOU.



THIS
TIME...



THIS TIME
WILL BE
DIFFERENT.



I DON'T
WANT
US
TO BE
APART.

HOW CAN
I ASK FOR
THAT?



Chapter 34

"IF ONLY SHE HADN'T HAD THAT CAT CHILD."

"POOR THING."

"I GUESS IT WAS SO HARD ON HER HAVING THE CAT AS A SON THAT SHE KILLED HERSELF."

"FROM WHAT I HEAR IT SEEMS LIKE SUICIDE."

"BUT NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE."

"AND HE'S THE ONE WHO PUSHED HER TO SUICIDE."

"EVEN THOUGH HIS MOTHER DIED."

"THE BOY DOESN'T EVEN CRY."

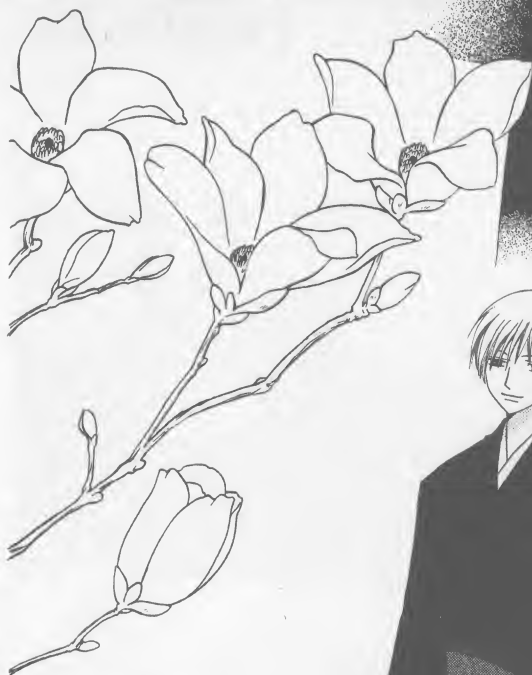
...
SHUT UP.

IT'S NOT MY FAULT!!

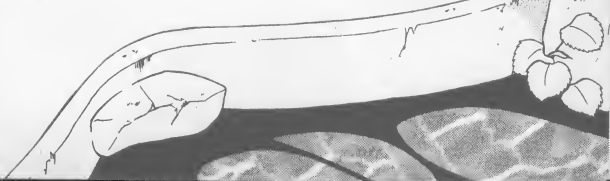
THAT'S RIGHT.

IT'S NOT MY FAULT!!

SHUT UP!



I KNOW.





IT'S
NOT MY...

...
IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.



IT'S
NOT MY
FAULT!!



PLEASED
TO MEET
YOU.

I AM
KAZUMA
SOHMA.

IT'S
NOT MY
FAULT...



I KNOW.



IT'S ALL
RIGHT.



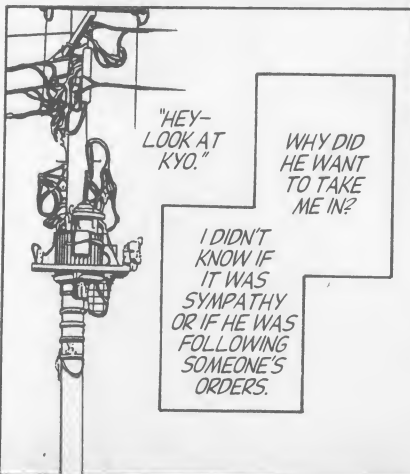
I MAY
NOT LOOK
LIKE IT...

...BUT I'M
ACTUALLY AN
INSTRUCTOR
AT A KARATE
DOJO.

IF YOU'RE
INTERESTED,
YOU SHOULD
TRY IT.



THIS
MAN...



"HEY-
LOOK AT
KYO."

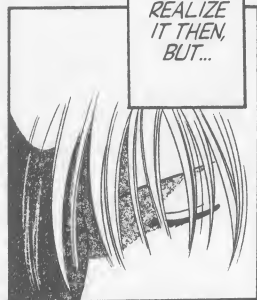
WHY DID
HE WANT
TO TAKE
ME IN?

I DIDN'T
KNOW IF
IT WAS
SYMPATHY
OR IF HE WAS
FOLLOWING
SOMEONE'S
ORDERS.



KYO...?

WON'T YOU
COME STAY
WITH ME?





HE TOOK
MY HAND...

It's a
train.

Why-
why-what
is that?

...AND
STAYED BY
MY SIDE.



You must
also train
your spirit.

Patience.

Sitting straight

Ah
ha
ha!

THAT MAY
BE RIGHT.

BUT...

...NONE OF MY
STUDENTS
WILL CALL
ME THAT.



...HE WAS
THE FIRST
ONE TO
SHOW
ME THE
"OUTSIDE"
WORLD.



EH?

HEY, YOU'RE
A SHISHOI,
RIGHT?

ON TV THEY
WERE CALLING A
KARATE INSTRUCTOR
"SHISHOI," SO YOU'RE
A SHISHOI, RIGHT?



WELCOME HOME...

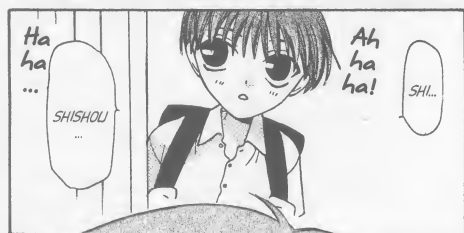
...KYO!

SO MUCH
THAT...



Ah
ha
ha!

HE
HELPED
ME.



Ha
ha
...

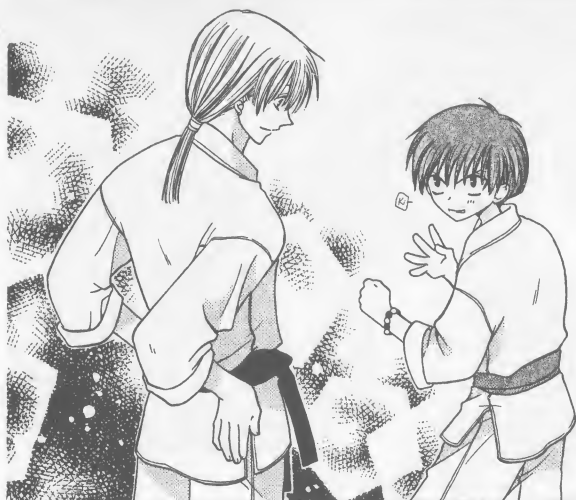
SHISHOU
...

Ah
ha
ha!

SHI...



SHISHOU
HELPED
ME SO
MUCH.



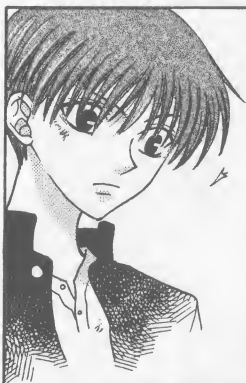
...THAT I WISH
SHISHOU WAS
MY REAL
FATHER.

HIS
RAISING ME
MAY HAVE
JUST BEEN
SYMPATHY
AND
KINDNESS
...

OR WOULD
HE BE
SPEECH-
LESS?

WOULD
HE LAUGH
OR LOOK
TROUBLED?

I WONDER
HOW HE'D
REACT IF
I TOLD
HIM THAT.



"I UNDERSTAND
HE'S JUST YOUR
FOSTER FATHER...

...BUT HOW ON
EARTH DID HE
RAISE YOU?"

"ALL
THEY DID
WAS TEASE
YOU ABOUT
YOUR HAIR
COLOR."

"YOUR
FATHER IS
ON HIS WAY
HERE."

clack

...BUT HE
CERTAINLY
HAD TO
PUT UP WITH...
...HIS
SHARE OF
SCORN.

"WHY DO YOU
TRY TO SOLVE
THINGS WITH
VIOLENCE?"

PEOPLE
WOULD SAY
THINGS SO
TERRIBLE
YOU'D WANT
TO PUKE.

THINGS
THAT
WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
SAID IF IT
WEREN'T
FOR ME.

SHISHOU
ACCEPTED
IT ALL...

...AND
RAISED ME
IN SPIRE
OF IT.

SHISHOU
ISN'T MY
DAD!!

"I CAN'T
BELIEVE HE
WILLINGLY
TOOK IN
THE CAT."
"IS SOME-
THING
WRONG
WITH
KAZUMA-
KUN,
TOO?"

IF I HURT
HIM...

SO WHAT
MORE DO I
WANT?

NO WAY!



I DON'T
WANT YOU
TO BE MY
DAD...

DON'T EVER
TREAT SHISHOU
AND ME LIKE
FATHER AND
SON AGAIN!!

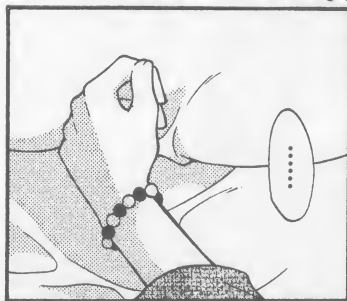
I DON'T
WANT
PEOPLE TO
SAY BAD
THINGS
ANYMORE.

I DON'T
WANT
TO BE
ANYONE'S
BURDEN.

...IF IT'S GOING
TO HURT YOU.

daze

.....



Fruits Basket 6
Part 4:

As I'm writing this, FF9 still hasn't come out. Just a little longer. Finally, the most dangerous game... The game that I will put everything aside for, even eating... No, if I get too hungry, I will eat. (So you will eat!)

There are things in the world whose power to draw you in is strong. Things that fill you with anticipation are the strongest of all. Like Square-san's games. Y'know? You think, "I'm sleepy... I'm sleepy, but... I have to know what happens next!" Goodness gracious. And GRANDIA 2 is coming out! I'm so happy I could scream. And a Dreamcast version of SAKURA TAISEN is on its way, so I scream even more. Aahh, there aren't enough hours in the day! (laugh)





"I WILL TAKE
AWAY YOUR
MEANS OF
ESCAPE."

"KYO..."

...DISCOVER
FOR YOURSELF
WHETHER OR
NOT YOUR
BIRTHRIGHT
REALLY
MAKES YOU
WORTHLESS."



I WILL BE
FINE FROM
HERE.

THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH.

"YOU WILL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
PROGRESS."

WHY?

AH...

UM... I
REALLY
THINK YOU
SHOULD
HAVE SAID
SOME-
THING TO
KYO-KUN.

I KNOW
IT'S NOT
ANY OF MY
BUSINESS...
BUT...

THAT
IS...

HE DIDN'T
EVEN
GIVE ME A
CHANCE...

...TO SAY A
WORD OF
THANKS!



...WAS TO
ATONE.

...I TOOK
KYO IN...

THE
REASON...



I DON'T
KNOW.



AND I...

...WAS ONE
OF THEM.

MY GRAND-
FATHER WAS
POSSESSED
BY THE CAT,
JUST LIKE
KYO IS.

HE WAS
ESTRANGED
FROM HIS
IMMEDIATE
FAMILY,
SLANDERED
BY HIS
RELATIVES.
THEY
TREATED
HIM VERY
BADLY.



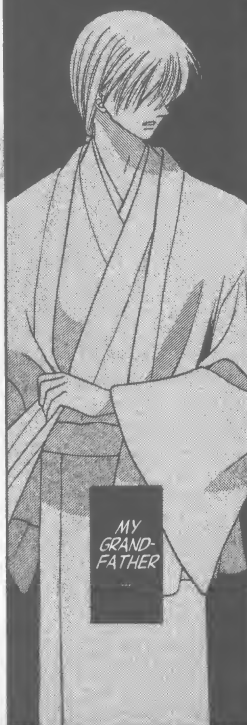
"I SEE..."

...JUST
SMILED AT
ME AND
FORGAVE
ME.

HE WAS
SUCH
A KIND
PERSON.

I SAID
SOME-
THING...

...TERRIBLY
CRUEL.



MY
GRAND-
FATHER



"COME
HERE,
KAZUMA.

HAVE
SOME
CANDY."

I ONLY
MET MY
GRANDFATHER
ONCE.

"!...

I DON'T
WANT
ANY!"

"IT'S
CURSED!"

IT WAS NO
DIFFERENT
FROM US
BACK THEN.

AND IT...

I ACTED
EXACTLY
THE SAME
WAY.

MY
GRAND-
FATHER
DIED, AND
I GREW
UP.

WHEN
KYO WAS
BORN...

...I SAW FIRST-
HAND THE HARSH
REALITY HE HAD
TO FACE BECAUSE
OF WHAT HE WAS
BORN INTO. AND IT
HIT ME.

...FROM
A SELFISH
DESIRE TO
EASE MY OWN
GUILT...

IT MAY
HAVE
STARTED

AND SO I
TOOK HIM IN
TO ATONE
FOR WHAT
I'D DONE.

*HOWEVER,
SPENDING
TIME WITH
HIM...*

...BEFORE
I KNEW
IT...

...LIVING
WITH
HIM...

...HOW-
EVER...

HOW
FOOLISH
IT WAS...

...AND
HOW
CRUEL.



BUT
THIS
TIME...

...I IGNORED
HIS WILL
AND TOOK
HIS BEADS.

I FORCED MY
ONE-SIDED
FEELINGS
ONTO HIM.

I TREASURED
HIM...

...WORRIED
ABOUT HIM...

...WANTED HIM
TO BE HAPPIER
THAN ANYONE
ELSE.

...I CAME TO
LOVE HIM.

I FELT
LIKE...

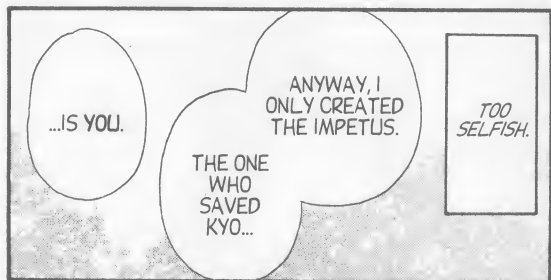
...I HAD
BECOME HIS
FATHER.

EVERY TIME
I SAW HIM
SMILE...



"SHISHOU
ISN'T MY
DAD!!"

...THAT
LOVE
GREW.





SHISHOU-
SAN, WAS
THAT...

...REALLY
JUST YOUR
WILL?

SHISHOU-
SAN...



...VERY
MUCH LIKE A
FATHER.



I DON'T
KNOW
WHY...

...BUT
SOMEHOW...

...I HAVE
A VERY
WARM
FEELING
INSIDE.

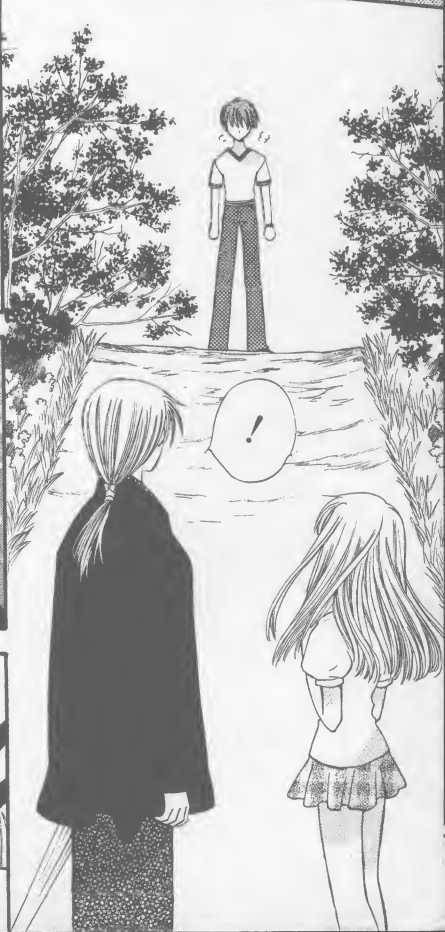


SHISHOU-
SAN... I DON'T
PRETEND TO
KNOW HOW
YOU FEEL...

...BUT TO ME,
RIGHT NOW,
YOU SEEM...

...SHISHOU-
SAN, YOU
SEEM...

SHISHOU!!





HOW
COULD
YOU
JUST...

WHY DID
YOU LEAVE
WITHOUT
SAYING
ANYTHING?!

...RUN
AWAY
LIKE
THAT?!



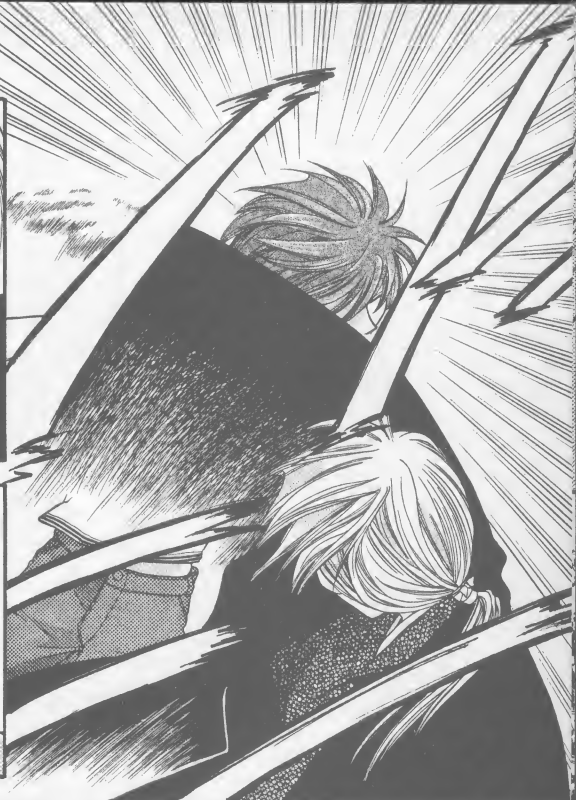
KY...



WHY?!



KYO...



ARE
YOU...

OR ARE
YOU...

...SICK OF
ME?

DID YOU
THINK I'D
GET MAD OR
SOMETHING?!



WHAT
WAS IT?



USING
YOU
AS AN
EXCUSE
TO RUN
AWAY...
I'M SORRY.

WANTING
TO GO
BACK TO
THE DOJO
LIKE
THAT...

YOU
SACRIFICED
SO MUCH TO
RAISE ME,
AND I JUST
ACTED LIKE
A SPOILED
KID.

BUT--!


...AND
WITHOUT
BEING A
BURDEN.

...
WITHOUT
HURTING
ANYONE
...

SOMEDAY
I'LL BE ABLE
TO STAND
AND WALK
ON MY OWN...

MAYBE
I'M NOT
PERFECT...

MAYBE
I HAVE A
LONG WAY
TO GO. BUT
SOMEDAY...




ALL I
EVER DO
IS CAUSE
YOU
TROUBLE.

I'M
SORRY...



SHISHOU,
YOU...

YOU...



...I'LL BE
THE KIND
OF GUY...

WHO CAN
HOLD HIS
HEAD HIGH.

...WHO'S
WORTHY...

...OF
CALLING
YOU...

SOMEDAY
...

.....
!

...MY
DAD!!



WE TOOK THE
LONG WAY,
BUT NOW...

...I THINK WE
JUST MIGHT
BE ABLE...

...TO
CONNECT.

...WE KEPT
MISSING
EACH
OTHER.

ALL THIS
TIME...





IT
MUST
BE...





KYO.



TH...



...MY
TROUBLE-
SOME...

...SON.



...THEN
PERHAPS
YOU'VE
GOTTEN
WEAKER?



IF YOU
WERE NOT
ABLE TO
GUARD
AGAINST
THAT...

...THAT'S NO
REASON TO
THROW ME!





IT MUST BE...

...BECAUSE OF
THIS PERSON.



ISN'T HE
THE BEST?

URR...

BECAUSE
YOU, TOHRU-
SAN...

...WERE
HERE FOR
HIM.

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People say...

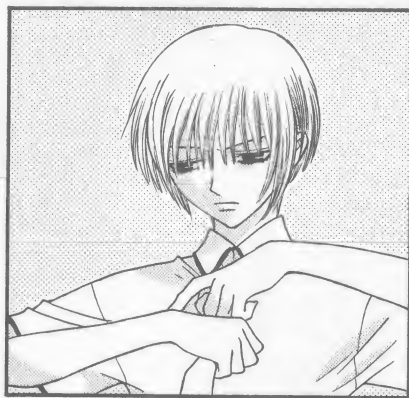


Shigure—he looks like he's worrying, but Shigure never worries. I look forward to drawing him more deeply. (With this and that...) No, but I like to draw all the characters. I might want to draw that soon! (laugh)



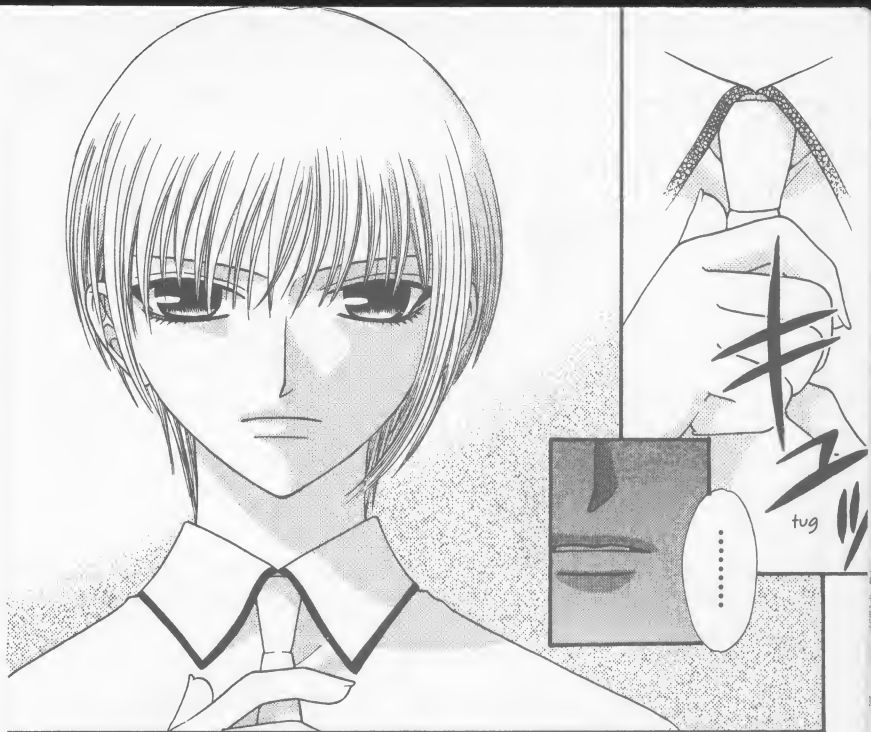
THERE
ARE
TIMES...

...I WANT TO
RUN AWAY.

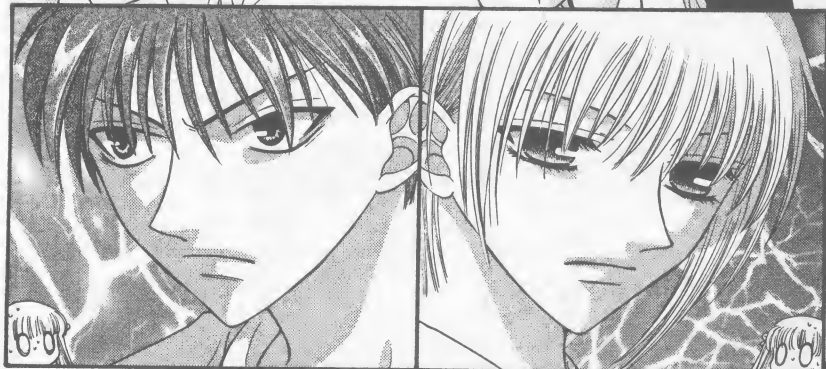


ULTRA-SPECIAL BLAH BLAH BLAH 3

Aaya is worrying about his brother in his own special way (laugh). Holding a crab claw... By the way, the colors are all secretly unified. There's no really deep meaning in it.





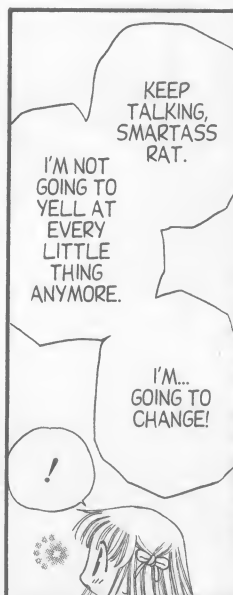


YOU'RE
THROWING
THEM
AWAY?!



Fruits Basket 6
Part 5:

Ahh, I can't move my hand anymore... I have to go to the doctor. "VALKYRIE PROFILE" is a wonderful game, isn't it?" I thought. No, oh how do I explain it, the system and everything... come to think of it, I don't really have anything to say about it. When Lucian dropped a broken crystal (it ended up broken), I got chills. That may not have anything to do with it, though. (laugh) Now that I think of it, I keep all the games I've beaten. All those jewel cases and cartridges, you know? They're taking up so much space it's not even funny! I don't know what to do with them. I just can't throw them away. It's a conundrum.



CAT.

PID

I COMMEND
YOUR
DISCIPLINE
...

YOU

STU

snap



AH!

KY...

YOU PISS ME
OFF!! YOU
REALLY PISS
ME OFF!!

YOU ARE THE
ONE PERSON
I WILL HATE
AND HATE AND
HATE TIL THEY
PUT ME IN MY
GRAVE!

KYO-
KU...



YOU
GIRLY
MAN!!

HE'LL
NEVER
CHANGE!



"AAUGH, THINK
WHATEVER
YOU WANT,
DAMMIT,
RIGHT? SO
PREDICTABLE.

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

**DUMBASS
!!**

AH!

AH, UH, UM, BUT
AT LEAST IT
DIDN'T TURN
INTO A FIGHT!

GRAH!

IT LOOKS
LIKE IT WILL
STILL BE A
WHILE...



...EVEN
AFTER
I'VE BEEN
BURIED.

I WILL KEEP
HATING YOU...

THAT'S
MY LINE.

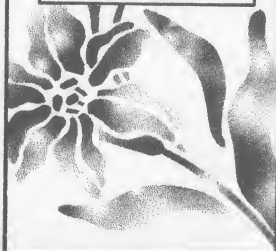
...BEFORE HE
CAN MAKE
THAT A
REALITY.

KAGURA-
SAN.

SHE WAS
THERE WHEN
I WENT TO
BED...



...BUT SHE WAS
ALREADY GONE
WHEN I WOKE UP
AND I HAVEN'T
SEEN HER SINCE.

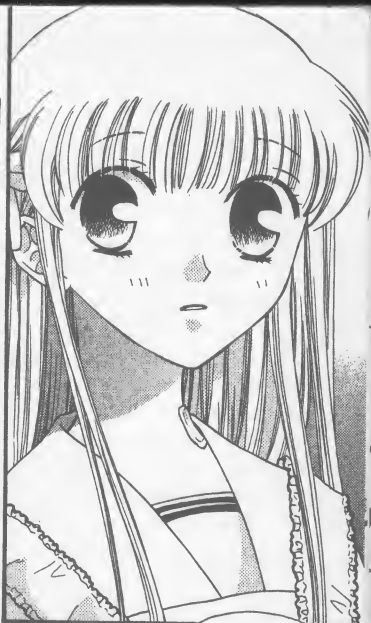


...THAT I
WAS ABLE
TO LEARN
ABOUT
KYO-KUN'S
FEELINGS...

...AND HIS
RELATION-
SHIP WITH
SHISHOU-
SAN.

BUT...

...THERE ARE
STILL SOME
THINGS
ABOUT
THAT NIGHT
THAT LEFT
ME ANXIOUS.



HONDA-
SAN, HAVE
YOU STARTED
THINKING ABOUT
FINALS YET?

EH...

EH?!

UH...
WELL,
UM...

not yet.

I'M VERY
HAPPY...



IT'S HARD
TO TELL.

IT'S HARD
TO TELL,
BUT...

...YUKI-KUN
SEEMS
DEPRESSED
SOMEHOW.

HONDA-
SAN.



...THERE'S
YUKI-KUN.



Ha
ha
ha





HE WAS ANNOYING, SO I LEFT HIM IN CLASS.

Oh...

Momiji-kun, have some candy!

happy happy joy

Good for you, Momiji!

Make sure to thank her!



HELLO, HATSU HARU-SAN!

YOU'RE NOT WITH MOMIJI-KUN TODAY?



HEY.



IT'S HARD TO TELL, BUT...

IT'S NOT REALLY A MESSAGE...

WHEN I SAW HIM EARLIER, HE LOOKED TROUBLED.

IS...YUKI AROUND?

AH... NO, IT SEEMS HE WENT SOMEWHERE.

IF YOU WANT, I COULD GIVE HIM A MESSAGE.



THAT
NIGHT
...

...MAYBE
YUKI-KUN
SAW...

...KYO'S
TRUE
FORM.

HE SEEMS
DEPRESSED
SOMEHOW.

AH...!

...I REALIZED...

...MAY...
MAYBE
YUKI-KUN...

...SAW IT,
TOO.

AH.

NO...

WHEN I
THOUGHT
THAT...

...I'M
AFRAID
TO ASK
ABOUT IT.

MAYBE
I'M JUST
WORRYING
OVER
NOTHING.
BUT...

I MIGHT
TOUCH ON
THINGS THAT
THEY DON'T
WANT TO BE
TOUCHED.

MAYBE
YUKI-KUN
ALREADY
KNEW
ABOUT IT,
TOO.

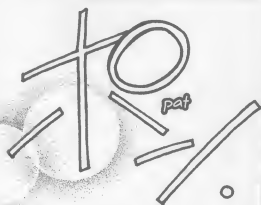
KAGURA-SAN
ACTED LIKE
SHE KNEW
ABOUT HIS
TRUE FORM.

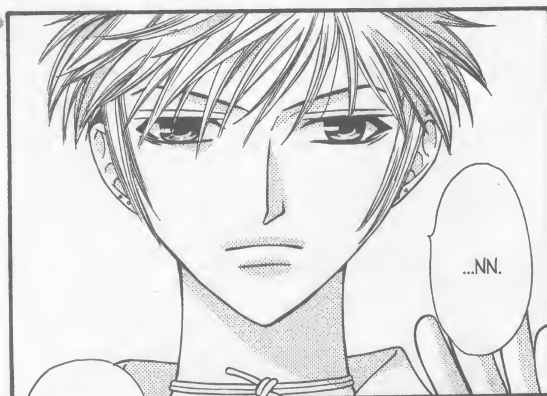
BUT...

FOR THAT
REASON...

...IN FRONT OF
KAGURA-SAN
AND YUKI-KUN...

...ALL I CAN DO
IS ACT LIKE I
DON'T KNOW.







YOU
SEEM...

...PRETTY
DOWN.

...HAPPEN?

DID
SOME-
THING...



HOW
SHOULD
I KNOW? I
HARDLY
EVER SEE
HER.

BUT,
I THINK
SHE'S
DOING ALL
RIGHT...

*Our houses are
far apart.*

YOU'RE
"FIGHTING
IT"?

...
HARU...
HOW'S
KAGURA
DOING?



I'M TRYING
SO HARD TO
FIGHT IT.

DON'T SAY
THINGS LIKE
THAT.

KAGURA,
ARE YOU
LEAVING?

EVERYONE'S
STILL
ASLEEP.

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN TO
KAGURA-
NEE?

-nee: honorific for "big sister."

YEAH... BUT
TODAY I'M
KIND OF...

WILL YOU
JUST TELL
KYO-KUN...
I'LL SEE HIM
LATER? OKAY,
YUN-CHAN?

YOU'RE
WEIRD,
YUN-CHAN.

KAGURA IS...
STRONG.

KAGURA
...

NN?

EEH?
WHAT IS
IT?

IT...IT'S
NOTHING.

FOR NOW,
I'LL KEEP A
LID ON IT.

IF I DON'T,
THE MUDDY
FEELINGS
WILL OVER-
FLOW.

HATRED,
DISGUST...

I'LL BE
SWALLOWED
UP BY
THOSE
DIRTY
FEELINGS
AGAIN.

I DON'T
WANT THAT
ANYMORE.

MAYBE
SOMEDAY
...

...WHEN
I'M A
BETTER
PERSON...

BUT...

SOME-
THING DID
HAPPEN...

...BUT...

...SHE
WON'T
SAY.

FOR NOW,
I'LL KEEP A
LID ON IT...A
TIGHT LID.

THAT FORM,
THE OTHER
THINGS,
ALL OF IT...
EVERYTHING.

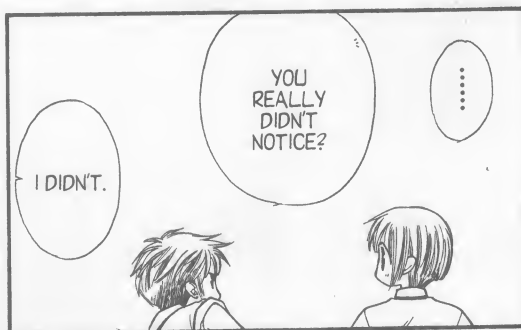
WHETHER
YOU EXPRESS
YOUR
FEELINGS
OR NOT ...
...IS
YOUR
CHOICE,
YUKI.



...SHE'S
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU, YOU
KNOW?

HONDA-
SAN.

BUT YOU
REALLY
SHOULDN'T
LEAVE HER
WORRYING
LIKE THAT.



I DIDN'T.

YOU
REALLY
DIDN'T
NOTICE?

...

IT'S THE
LEAST YOU
COULD DO.

AND IT'S
NOT JUST
HONDA-
SAN...

YOU'RE
ALWAYS
WORRYING
SO MUCH
ABOUT OTHER
PEOPLE.

...WORRIED
ABOUT YOU.

I'M...







HONDA-SAN.

Ah
ha
pitter ha
patter

AND I
THINK...
I'M MORE
COMFORTABLE
TALKING TO
PEOPLE NOW.

AND I CAN
SOMEHOW
BUTTON MY
SHIRT BETTER.

AND MY
VEGETABLES
DON'T DIE AS
OFTEN.

SOMETHING
ABOUT
"DOING
THINGS BY
THE BOOK."

I CAN TIE
MY NECKTIE
FASTER THAN
I USED TO.

YUKI-KUN!

SOME OF
THE STUDENT
COUNCIL
MEMBERS
WERE LOOKING
FOR YOU.

HONDA-
SAN.

I...

...THAT I TOLD KISA
I WOULD BECOME.



BUT I STILL
HAVE A LONG
WAY TO GO.

HONDA-
SAN...

I'VE
WORRIED
YOU.



!



MAYBE I'LL BE
ABLE TO OPEN
THE LID I'VE
CLOSED SO
TIGHTLY...

...WITHOUT
BEING
SWALLOWED
UP.

MAYBE SOMEDAY
I CAN BECOME
THAT PERSON...

I KNOW
THESE
ARE JUST
LITTLE
THINGS...

...BUT BY
DOING
THEM...

...I THINK
I'M GETTING
CLOSER TO
TRYING THE
THINGS I
COULDN'T
STAND
BEFORE.

EVEN IF
IT'S JUST
A LITTLE
BIT AT A
TIME...

...IT'S HELPING
ME TO WORK
THROUGH MY
ISSUES.



...THAT
I'M NOT
READY TO TELL
YOU...

THERE'S
STILL A
LOT...

I'M SORRY.

EH?!

OH NO,
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
DO THAT!
I JUST...!

?!!

...HONDA-
SAN.

I'M STILL...
SO PATHETIC.

I'LL GAIN
THE COURAGE...

...BY
LITTLE.

BUT...

...I WILL...
LITTLE...



...TO
TELL
YOU.

OKAY.



Ah!

YOU MEAN YOU
THINK YOU
COULD LIKE
SUMMER?!

...I THINK I'LL
SPEND A
LOT OF TIME
OUTSIDE.

UH-HUH. WHEN
I THOUGHT
ABOUT IT, I
REALIZED
THAT I MIGHT
REALLY
ENJOY IT.

FIRE-
WORKS, AND
FESTIVALS,
AND THE
OCEAN...

IT SEEMS
LIKE I COULD
BUILD A
LOT OF NEW
MEMORIES...

AND THIS
SUMMER...



EH?!

YOU...
DON'T WANT
TO?

N-NO, OF
COURSE
I WANT
TO...!



IF YOU
DON'T
COME
ALONG
WILL-
INGLY...



...WITH YOU,
HONDA-SAN.



...I'LL
KIDNAP
YOU.

YOU'D
BETTER
WATCH
OUT.

...
KIDDING!

JUST...

??!



YUKI-KUN
AND KYO-
KUN...

...ARE
BECOMING
MORE AND
MORE
WONDERFUL.

EVERYTHING
ABOUT THEM,
INSIDE AND
OUT...



...IS SO
WONDERFUL
THAT I'M
AFRAID...

...MY HEART
WILL SOON
GIVE OUT.



WHY IS HARU
COMING HOME
WITH US?



.....? SO
WHY IS
THIS GOING
ON?

I'LL MAKE
SOMETHING
YOU LIKE,
HATSUHARU-
SAN!

I WAS
INVITED TO
DINNER.

empty-handed.



I START
GOING TO
SHISHOU'S
TODAY.

SAVE
SOME
DINNER
FOR ME.

I'll eat it later.

OKAY!
PLEASE
DO YOUR
BEST--

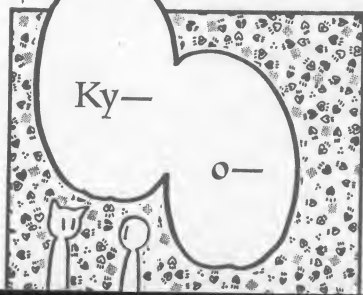


IT'S
OUR...

...LITTLE
SECRET.

WHATEVER.

I was stupid for expect-
ing a serious answer.



Ky—

o—



I'm so
HAPPY!

YOU'RE
NOT
RUNNING
AWAY
FROM ME
TODAY!

THUNK...

SHE'S
GOT HIM
PINNED.

KA...

KAGURA-
SA...?



I DECIDED TO
START GOING
AGAIN, TOO.

DRAG

ALL
RIGHT,
KYO-KUN,
LET'S GO!

WHERE
ARE YOU
TAKING
HIM?

DRAG
DRAG

DRAG

TO
SHIHAN'S
DOJO!

YOU'RE
COMING
ALONG NICE
AND EASY,
RIGHT?!

SHE SEEMS
TO BE
IN GOOD
SPIRITS.

You—how
can you
just...

Now
we can see
each other
three times
a week!

I DON'T KNOW
IF THAT'S THE
BEST WAY TO
CONVINCE HIM.

Oh well.

KAGURA IS...
WELL, SHE'S
KAGURA.

SHE'S
GETTING
THERE.



YES!

HAVE
A SAFE
TRIP!

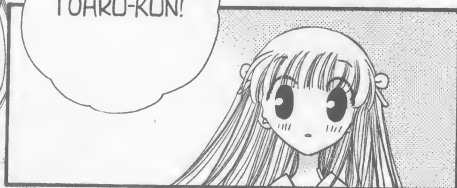


'KAY,
SEE YOU
LATER!



YUN-CHAN,
HARU-CHAN!

TOHRU-KUN!



THERE
ARE
TIMES...



I'm glad,
it looks like
we'll be able
to have a
quiet dinner

Gone
like the
wind...

...WE WANT
TO RUN
AWAY.



BUT WE'RE
LEARNING
TO COPE...

ALL OF US.

THERE ARE ONLY
THREE MEN IN THIS
WORLD WHO WOULD
GO TO SUCH LENGTHS
FOR THEIR YOUNGER
BROTHERS. AND OF
COURSE, NUMBER
ONE AMONG THEM IS
NONE OTHER THAN
MYSELF!

WHEN I SUDDENLY
FOUND MYSELF IN
POSSESSION OF ALL
THIS MAGNIFICENT
CRAB, I KNEW I SIMPLY
MUST SHARE IT
WITH YUKI, AND
SO I CAME HERE
FORTHWITH!

WHAT DO I
HAVE TO HIDE?
EAT AS MUCH
CRAB AS YOU
LIKE!

HA!
HA!

*This crab miso
is delicious!*

HA!

HA!

HA!

OH
MY!

WHAT
COULD BE THE
MATTER, YUKI?
CLEARLY YOU
ARE GAZING
OFF INTO THE
DISTANCE.

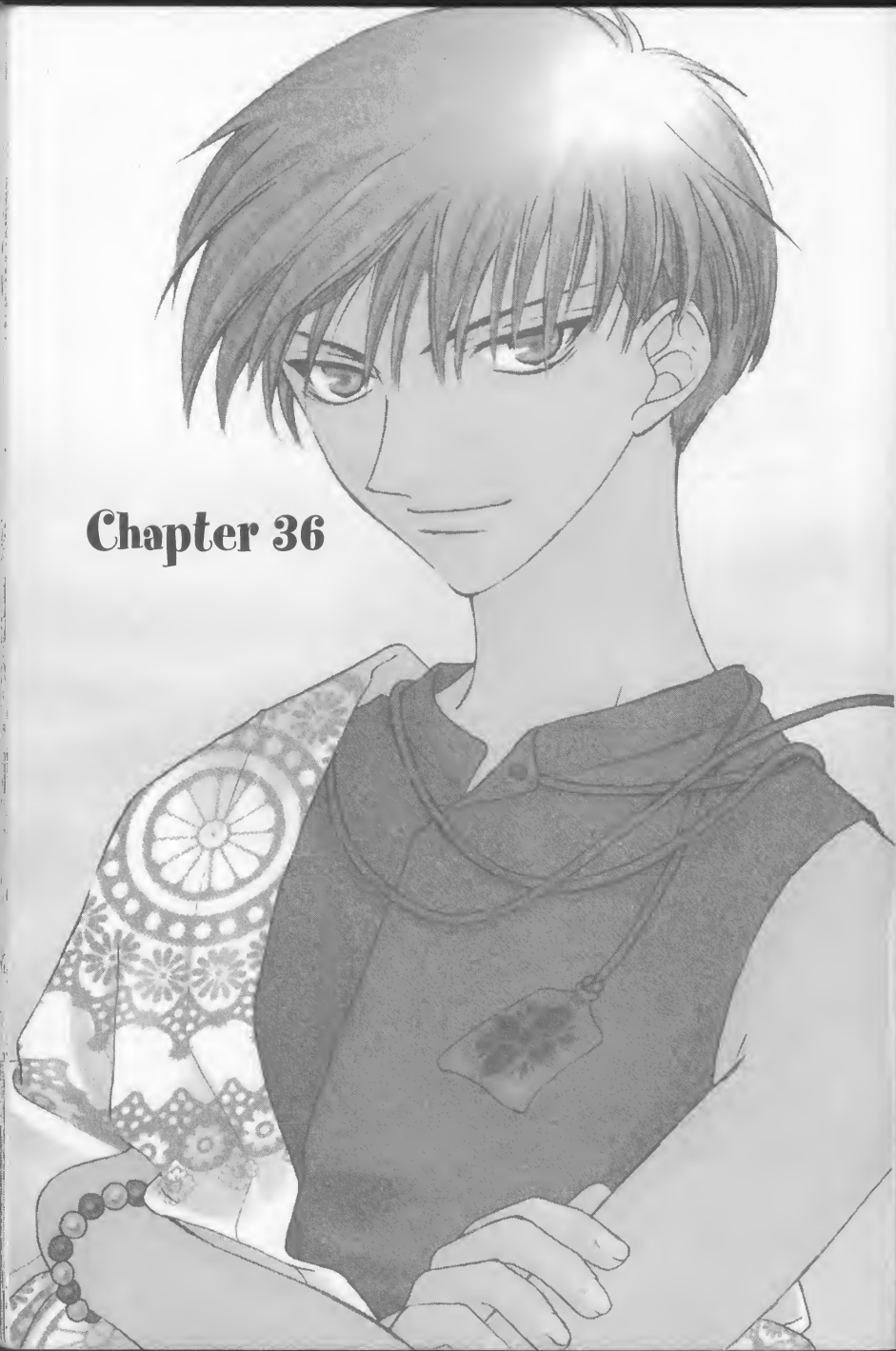
GOOD
LUCK,
YUKI.

Fight.

OF COURSE,
OF COURSE! I
UNDERSTAND!

YOUR EYES
ARE SPINNING
BECAUSE OF THE
MATCHLESS
LOVE OF YOUR
OLDER BROTHER!

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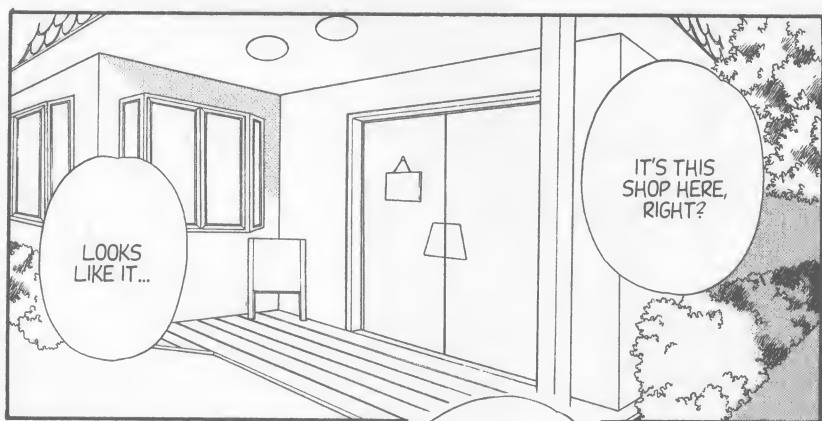
*I feel so
grateful!*



*Danke
schön!*

*Harada-sama, Araki-sama,
Kawai-sama, Mom, Dad, and
everyone who reads this and
supports me, I couldn't have
done it without you!*

*Hatori, you're up next!
This has been Natsuki Takaya*



ULTRA-SPECIAL BLAH BLAH BLAH. 4

Ever since I started drawing this manga, I thought, "I want to draw a color picture of Kyo smiling!" And so, his first smile. That doesn't mean he'll always be smiling, though. This boy really is hopeless. (laugh)

TODAY I
TAGGED
ALONG WITH
YUKI-KUN...

...FOR A VISIT
TO AYAME-
SAN'S SHOP.



Begin flashback

EH? WHAT
WAS THAT?

NOW I'M
EVEN MORE
NERVOUS...

THAT--! THAT
SIGN IS SO
SUSPICIOUS!!

AND
THE SIGN IS
DESIGNED VERY
GRACEFULLY!

*Sign: Trust comes first. Ayame: Value from the heart

MAYBE
I COULD START
TO UNDERSTAND
YOU A LITTLE
BETTER.

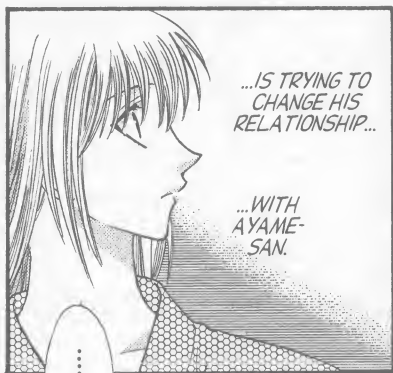
!

I
SAID...

IF IT'S
ALL
RIGHT...

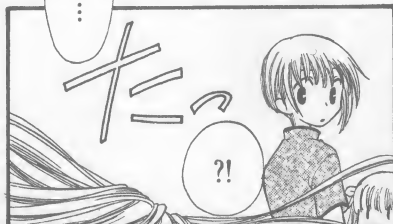
...I WAS
THINKING...I'D
LIKE TO SEE
YOUR SHOP,
NII-SAN.*

*Nii-san: older brother



...IS TRYING TO
CHANGE HIS
RELATIONSHIP...

...WITH
AYAME-
SAN.



?!



SO...

YUKI-
KLIN...



LISTEN
TO THIS,
GURE-
SAN!!

YUKI-YES,
THAT
YUKI-

-CAME TO ME
WITH TEARS
IN HIS EYES
SAYING THAT BY
ALL MEANS HE
WOULD LIKE TO
COME VISIT ME
AT MY SHOP!!

YES?



LISTEN
TO THIS,
TORI-SAN!

YUKI!!! YES,
THAT
YUKI!!!

STOP
THAT
!!!

Has
there even
been such a
joyous day
as this?! No,
I dare say
there has
not!

NII-
SA...

OH! It's too
good to be
true!



That said,
it would be
perfectly
fine if you
did **not** come,
Kyonkichi.

GLACK
ガチャ

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
BARGING INTO
MY ROOM AND
SPOUTING
OFF YOUR
NONSENSE?

Get
out,
psycho.



Yes, yes.
Of course
you are
welcome.
I'd be
Honored!

You may
come as
early as this
sunday!

ER...

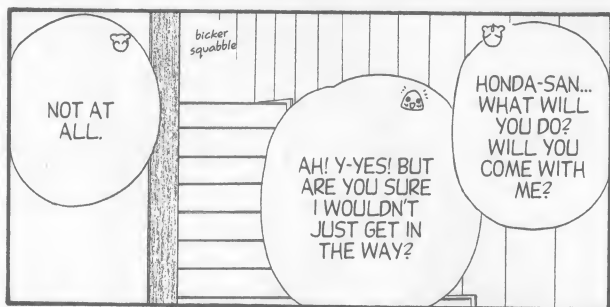
AND TOHRU-
KUN! YOU
SIMPLY
MUST COME,
too!

EH?

A prince
must always
have a
princess by
his side!

Fruits Basket 6 Part 6:

In the last volume, I talked about what kind of snacks I liked at the time, but since then I've moved from "fugashi" to "egg booro" and now it's Choco-Balls (with caramel!). What toy did it come with...? Since I was a kid, it made me wonder. I was one of those kids who thinks, "I wanna hurry and grow up!" There were a lot of reasons, and one of them was, "So I'll be able to eat as many 'cucumber shrimp sen' as I want!" In hindsight, that's a pretty petty reason to want to grow up (laugh). But now that I can buy things with money I earned myself, that dream has come true. It was a very happy revelation.



↑ He knew he had a shop, but he had no idea what it sold.





* "Mine" is a woman's name. It's pronounced "Me-ray."



Y u u k i i i !

SOMETHING'S
COMING...

SOMETHING...

SOMETHING
STRANGE!!



BUT OF COURSE!
BECAUSE THE
ONE WHO WANTS
IT IS A MAN.

SHOULD
YOU BE
MEASURING
IT ON A
MAN?

HA!
HA!
HA!
MY
APOLOGIES.
WE WERE
HEMMING A
WEDDING DRESS
THAT SOMEONE
HAD ORDERED.



EVERYONE HAS
ONE, TWO, OR
THREE SECRET
GARDENS THAT
THEY CAN'T
SHARE WITH
ANYONE.

THAT
DRESS...

...IS FOR
A MAN?



doom
doom

S...

SO...
WHAT
IS THIS...
SHOP?

doom
doom
doom



slump

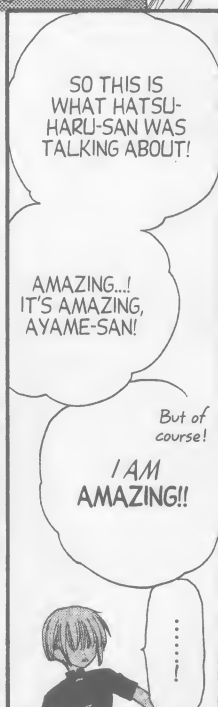
I, AS OWNER
OF THIS
ESTABLISHMENT,
WILL TAILOR
ANY CLOTHES
THAT ARE
ORDERED.

ELEMENTARY,
MY DEAR
BROTHER!

NO
DESIGN IS
AN ENEMY
TO ME.

...AND FOR THOSE
WHOSE FASHION
DREAMS INVOLVE
DRESSING AS
HANDMAIDS.

IT'S A SHOP FOR
THOSE WHO WANT
THEIR DREAMS
FASHIONED INTO
THE FINEST
HANDMADE
DRESSINGS...





MAIDS
AND NURSES,
WAITRESSES
AND STEWARD-
ESSES AND
SECRETARIES!

SAILOR SUITS
AND CAT EARS,
RABBIT EARS...
THERE'S TOO
MANY TO LIST!

IN THESE
SIMPLE FASHIONS,
MEN CHASE THEIR
DREAMS AND BRING
THEIR ROMANTIC
FANTASIES TO LIFE!
THERE'S NO CRIME
IN PURSUING YOUR
DREAMS TO ESCAPE
THE HARSH REALITY
OF LIFE.

IT'S NO
DIFFERENT
FROM THE
ROMANTIC URGE
TO PEEK INTO A
WOMAN'S BATH!!

**MEN'S
ROMANCE!**

**THAT'S
ILLEGAL!!**



THIS
HAS BEEN
BOTHERING ME
FOR A WHILE,
BUT--

YOU
THERE!

EH
?!
Y-YES!
PLEASED TO
MEET YOU!
I'M TOHRU
HONDA...

TOHRU-
CHAN!

ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN
CLOTHES LIKE
THESE?!

Isn't it
cute!?!

I'M WEARING
THIS BECAUSE
I LIKE IT!

It's
adorable!

WHEN MINE
SEES A CUTE
GIRL, SHE HAS A
TENDENCY OF
WANTING TO MAKE
HER CHANGE
CLOTHES.

Shall
we try
something
on?
♡

WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO WEAR
THEM?
WOULDN'T
YOU? YOU
WOULD,
RIGHT?!

EH?

IT
SEEMS
IT HAS
BEGIN.





THEY
PROBABLY
DON'T NEED
OUR HELP,
SO AS LONG
AS YOU'RE
HERE...

...WILL YOU
COOPERATE?



YES!



.....
NOW
THE TWO
BROTHERS CAN
SPEND SOME
QUALITY TIME
ALONE.



...IS
"NOTHING-
NESS."

BECAUSE
WHAT BOSS
IS MOST
AFRAID OF...

I JUST
HOPE THEY
CAN TALK
WITHOUT
FIGHTING.

OH!

A FIGHT
WOULD BE
GOOD!!

IT'S PROOF
THAT THEY'RE
ACTUALLY
ACKNOWLEDGING
EACH OTHER!



SHE'S RIGHT.
IF PEOPLE
REALLY
ACKNOWLEDGE
EACH OTHER...

...SOMETIMES
THEY'LL END
UP FIGHTING.



IT WOULD
BE A PROBLEM
IF BLOOD
GOT ON THE
MERCHANDISE.

BUT I
WOULD LIKE
FOR THEM
TO AVOID
ACTUALLY
SPILLING
BLOOD.

AH
Ha
Ha...



EH?!

YOU'RE
REALLY GOING
TO CHANGE MY
CLOTHES?!

Of
course!!

HA HA

MUA

PUTTING
THAT
ASIDE...

NOW!

Let's change
your clothes,
shall we...?





THAT'S
NOT AT ALL
WHY.

I REALLY
CANNOT HELP BUT
THINK THAT IT
IS BECAUSE YOU
HAVE BEEN
INFLUENCED BY
ME, YOUR OLDER
BROTHER!

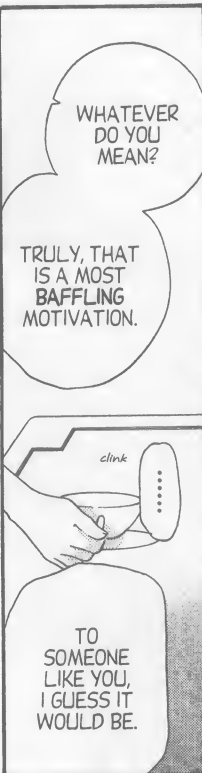
I UNDERSTAND
THAT YOU'VE
DECIDED TO
BECOME
STUDENT
BODY
PRESIDENT,
YUKI?

*I heard
from
Gure-san.*



JUST LIKE
HOW, TO ME,
THIS SHOP IS
BAFFLING.

OUR WAYS
OF THINKING
ARE TOO
DIFFERENT.



WHATEVER
DO YOU
MEAN?

TRULY, THAT
IS A MOST
BAFFLING
MOTIVATION.

TO
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU,
I GUESS IT
WOULD BE.



YOUNGER
BROTHERS
ALWAYS
ASPIRE TO
BE LIKE
THEIR OLDER
BROTHERS...

I SAID
THAT'S
NOT IT!!

I DID IT
BECAUSE
I DIDN'T
WANT TO!!



DON'T BE SO
POSITIVE
ABOUT IT!!

BUT YOU
MUSTN'T LOSE
HEART! A JOURNEY
OF A THOUSAND
MILES BEGINS WITH
A SINGLE STEP!
DON'T SPARE ANY
EFFORT!

YOU PUT
FORTH A LITTLE
EFFORT TOO,
NII-SAN!!

FORGIVE ME!
I MAY NOT
LOOK IT, BUT
I REALLY AM
TRYING.



MAYBE, IN
THE END...
WE JUST
DON'T SEE
EYE TO EYE

MM!!

THERE
IS SOME
TRUTH IN
THAT!



FORGIVE
ME.



fwump
とまっ

WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO...?
YOU...



...AND,
AFTER
HOW I
TREATED
YOU...

SEE,
YOU WERE
ALWAYS SO
ANGRY WITH
ME...

I'M JUST
OVERJOYED
THAT YOU
CAME.

I COULDN'T
HELP IT.



...I
DESERVED
IT.

IT'S NOT
AS IF I'VE
FORGOTTEN.



...
TREMBLING
HANDS.

...YOU
REACHED
OUT TO
ME...

...WITH
THOSE...



I WAS
CRUEL...

...INSENSITIVE
TO YOUR PAIN.

THE FIRST AND
ONLY TIME
YOU CAME TO
ME FOR HELP...

BUT WHEN I
GOT OLDER
AND REALIZED
THAT YUKI
MIGHT NEVER
BE INTERESTED
IN HAVING A
RELATIONSHIP
WITH ME...

TO ME, THERE
WAS NEVER ANY
LOVE OR HATE
FOR YUKI—HE
WAS "NOTHING"
TO ME.

AND I JUST
BRUSHED YOU
OFF.

...FOR THE FIRST
TIME, I FELT
TERRIFYINGLY
LONELY.

IT'S NOT
AS IF I'VE
FORGOTTEN.

I FINALLY
KNEW HOW
IT FELT...

...TO BE
TREATED AS
NOTHING.



WHEN I
REALIZED
THIS, I WAS
AFRAID IT
WAS TOO
LATE.

BUT
TODAY,
YUKI...

...LOOKED
AT ME.

HE LISTENED
TO WHAT
I SAID, AND
GOT ANGRY.

.....
EVEN IF
WE DON'T
SEE EYE
TO EYE...

...TO
UNDERSTAND
ME.

EVEN
NOW,
YOU'RE
SITTING
THERE...

... AND
TRYING...

...EVEN IF WE
CLASH WITH
EACH OTHER,
WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
THAT?





...THAT
YOU
HAVE...

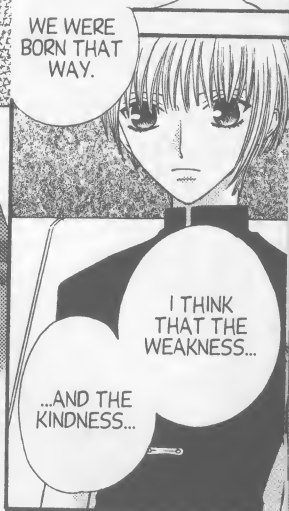
...ARE
VERY...

...PRECIOUS.

...I HAVE
QUALITIES
YOU DON'T,
AND YOU HAVE
QUALITIES
I DON'T.

I'M
SURE...

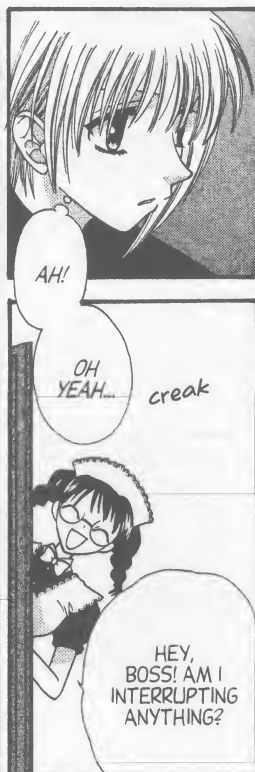
WE WERE
BORN THAT
WAY.



I THINK
THAT THE
WEAKNESS...

...AND THE
KINDNESS...







*C'EST
MAGNIFIQUE!!*

WH
...
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

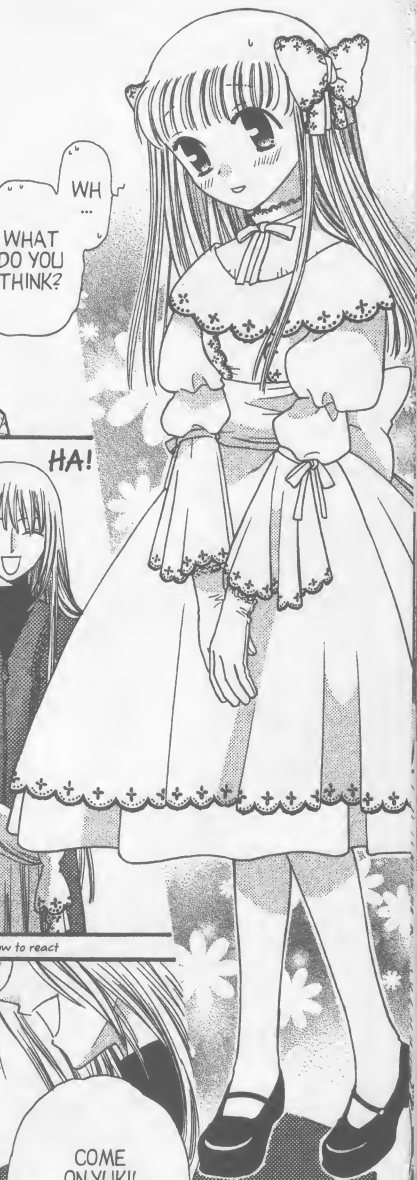
HA!
HA! HA!

TOHRU-KUN
REALLY DOES
BECOME THE
SWEET, PURE
IMAGE OF A GIRL
HOLDING A WHITE
LACE PARASOL,
LEADING A
WHITE DOG.

MM-HM. DRINK-
ING ENGLISH TEA,
READING POETRY BY
A WHITE WINDOW
WITH WHITE LACE
CURTAINS!



She has no idea how to react

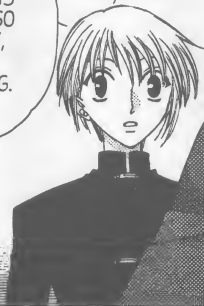


WHAT IS
THIS? AND
WHEN A GIRL IS
DRESSED UP SO
CHARMINGLY,
TOO. HOW
DISAPPOINTING.

IN THAT
CASE...

HUH?!
UH...

COME
ON, YUKI!
GIVE HER
SOME
PRAISE!



DON'T!!

I WILL GIVE
HER A KISS TO
EXPRESS MY
DELIGHT!

O-
ohhh!

I'M HONORED!

I PRAISE
YOUR FINE
CRAFTSMAN-
SHIP.

TOHRU-
KUN HAS A
WONDERFUL
AIR OF
CUTENESS.

WELL?

NN? I
WONDER.

I DON'T
REALLY
KNOW.

WERE YOU
ABLE TO WORK
THINGS OUT
A LITTLE
WITH YOUR
BROTHER?



HE HIT
ME!

Silly!

ANY
GENTLE-
MAN
WOULD
HAVE HIT
YOU, I'M
SURE.

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!





...WHO FELT
HAPPY
ABOUT IT,
ONCE AGAIN.

IN
THE END,
MAYBE I
WAS THE
ONLY ONE
...



...ALMOST
EVERYTHING
MY BROTHER
SAYS AND DOES
IS COMPLETE
NONSENSE.

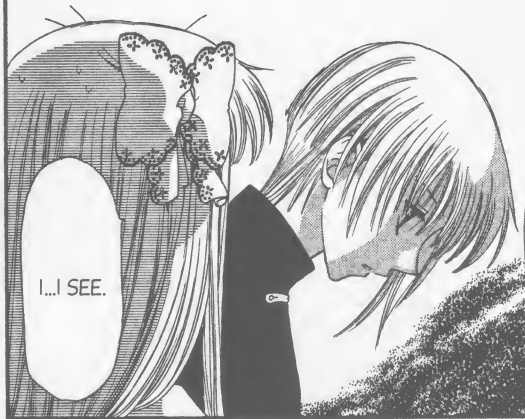
EH?

THERE'S NO
AVOIDING
IT...



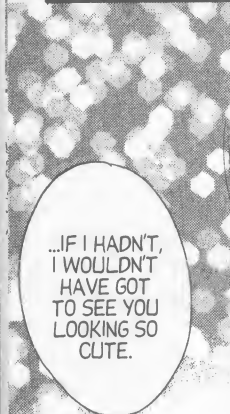
HONDA-
SAN...

I WAS ABLE
TO UNDER-
STAND
ONE THING
ABOUT MY
BROTHER.



I...I SEE.

HE'S LIKE AN
UNSTOPPABLE
FORCE OF NATURE.
IT'S USELESS TO
FIGHT IT. WHEN I
TRY, I JUST GET
EXHAUSTED.



...IF I HADN'T,
I WOULDN'T
HAVE GOT
TO SEE YOU
LOOKING SO
CUTE.



BESIDES
...



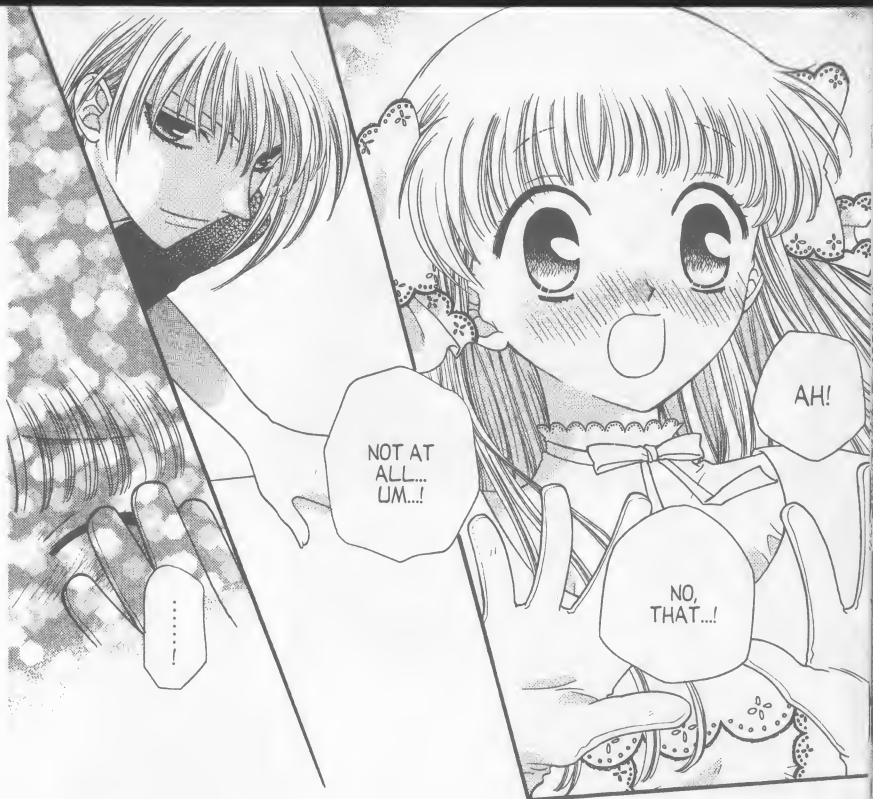
SOMEHOW...
SAYING THAT
MAKES ME
SAD...

BUT...

...IN SPIE
OF THAT...



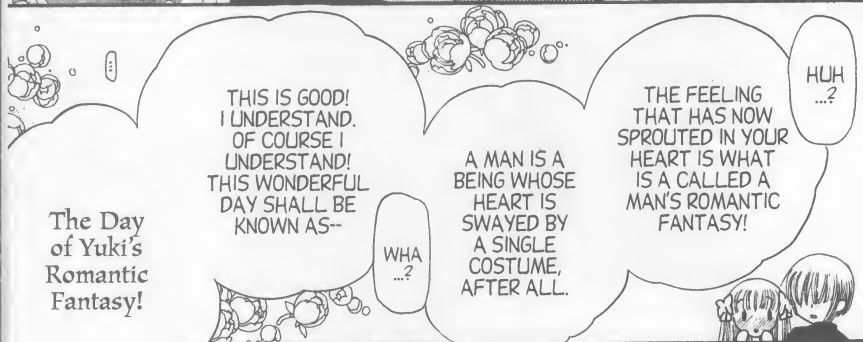
...I'M GLAD
I CAME.





ROMANCE.

YOU SEE?



The Day of Yuki's Romantic Fantasy!

THIS IS GOOD!
I UNDERSTAND.
OF COURSE I
UNDERSTAND!
THIS WONDERFUL
DAY SHALL BE
KNOWN AS--

WHA
...?

A MAN IS A
BEING WHOSE
HEART IS
SWAYED BY
A SINGLE
COSTUME,
AFTER ALL.

THE FEELING
THAT HAS NOW
SPROUTED IN YOUR
HEART IS WHAT
IS CALLED A
MAN'S ROMANTIC
FANTASY!

HUH
...?



CUT.
IT.
OUT
!!

THEY'RE
FIGHTING
AFTER ALL.



YOU'LL WATCH
OVER THEM,
WON'T YOU?

YES!

Hatori at work

DON'T PUT
ME ON
SHIGURE'S
LEVEL.

Clinical records

YOU JUST
IMAGINED
TOHRU-KUN IN
HER DRESS,
DIDN'T YOU?!
SHAMEFUL!!

Oh
no,
Toru-
san!

AND WHAT
HAPPENED
NEXT, YOU
ASK?!

IT BECAME
THE DAY OF
YUKI'S ROMANTIC
FANTASY WHEN
HE SAW TOHRU-
KUN IN HER
LOVELY DRESS!

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Natsuki Takaya

New kid on the block...

Tohru and company have been having a lot more fun ever since Kisa came to visit. Now it's time for Tohru to meet another member of the Zodiac--the skillfully sarcastic grade-school student, Hiro! One way or another, this tyke will have to deal with his resentment of Tohru and his affection for Kisa!

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Rabbit

Years: 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023, 2035

Positive Qualities: sympathetic, affectionate, humble, creative, optimistic

Negative Qualities: too sentimental, avoids conflict

Suitable Jobs: Diplomat, Lawyer, College Professor, Actor

Compatible With: Sheep, Boar and Rat

Must Avoid: Rooster, Tiger and Horse

Ruling Hours: 5 AM to 7 AM

Season: Spring

Ruling Month: March

Sign Direction: East

Fixed Element: Wood

Corresponding Western Sign: Pisces

The year of the Rabbit--a calm year where everyone is more leisurely than normal and where days go by at seemingly carefree pace. For anyone born in this year, luck will surely follow. However, like Momiji Sohma, Rabbits often have are seen to have a frail outward appearance because they are so gentle-natured, but deep within they are strong-minded and very idealistic.

Rabbits make great companions, and their marriages are usually free of strife. Rabbits keep a mental record of both a person's good points and their mistakes, but they tend to be very forgiving as long as the mistakes do not have dire consequences. But even as Rabbits are good at offering support and advice, they find it difficult to accept advice or criticism from others. Their desire to avoid conflict can make them come off as overly sentimental or even superficial, making deep emotional connections difficult. But when it happens, the relationships they form are very strong.

chances are you are probably certain is to know on which day on January 29, so anyone born

Year of the Rabbit



Men born in the year of the Rabbit tend to be courteous and refined, and carry themselves like true gentlemen. They are resourceful, and are often sought out for their strong advice, but they tend to think quite unrealistically and have a hard time dealing with misfortune.

Female Rabbits tend to be very serious people, but they love company. Among friends, they are very considerate and caring; however, when it comes to their taste in men, women rabbits tend to be more insecure, dating guys who shower them with gifts.

Celebrity Rabbits:

Tori Amos

Aaron Carter

Phoebe Cates

Whitney Houston

Angelina Jolie

Mark McGwire

Mike Myers

Bugs Bunny

* Note: If you were born in January or early February, then the animal of the preceding year. The only way to know for certain the Chinese New Year's was held. Example: 1987 actually began on February 1, so the Chinese New Year's between January 1 and January 28 is actually a Tiger.